



Thatcher hope • Foot appeal • Steel warning



The last day: Mrs Thatcher, Mr Foot and Mr Steel as they ended their campaigns yesterday.

Labour defiant as Tories head for landslide victory

The Conservatives are still heading for a landslide victory but Mrs Thatcher's target of half the popular vote seems unlikely to be achieved.

The biggest and noisiest demonstration of Mrs Thatcher's campaign tour provoked her into revealing her contempt for the Labour Party.

Protest provokes Tory contempt

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday faced the biggest and noisiest demonstration of her election campaign tour and was provoked into revealing her contempt for the Labour Party.

'Think tank' may be killed

There is a strong possibility that Mrs Margaret Thatcher, if she wins today, will disband the Central Policy Review Staff, the Cabinet's "think tank".

Spanish firm to claim salvage on Harrier jet

The Spanish company Naviera Garcia-Mifaur is to make a salvage claim on the £7m Royal Navy Harrier jump jet which made a forced landing on one of its ships off Portugal.

Tomorrow

By early tomorrow the complexion of the next Parliament will be known and throughout the night The Times will be producing a series of special editions to incorporate the latest election results.

Saturday

The Times on Saturday will include a 12-page special section listing the whole of the election results in detail, together with biographies of the new MPs.

FT index surges to record

Shares surged to a record high, with the FT index of 30 leading companies up 4.4 to 714.7 as investors showed confidence in a Conservative victory in the polls.

FINANCIAL TIMES

The strike-bound Financial Times has failed to appear for the eighth successive day.

Aid team out

The 12 relief workers abducted seven weeks ago by Ethiopian guerrillas have crossed into the Sudanese border town of Kassala.

Abortions rise

Britain's illegitimacy and divorce rates are among the highest in the European Community, according to the latest statistics.

Profits shared

After increasing profits by 26 per cent to £20.1m, Hill Samuel, the merchant banking and financial services group, has more than doubled to £7.6m the sum set aside for staff profit-sharing.

Gallows plea

One of the three African National Congress guerrillas due to be hanged this morning has appealed for a stay of execution as international protests mount.

OAU accord

The Organization of African Unity began its first summit in two troubled years after Polisario western Sahara guerrillas agreed to stay away from the meeting in Addis Ababa.

P & O to reply

Lord Inchape, the P & O chairman is to answer questions from Mr Nigel Brookes, chairman of Trafalgar House, about the group's performance at today's annual meeting.

Prince of Wales highlights farm dilemma

Landowners receive "an embarrassment of abundant conflicting advice" about managing their property, the Prince of Wales said yesterday.

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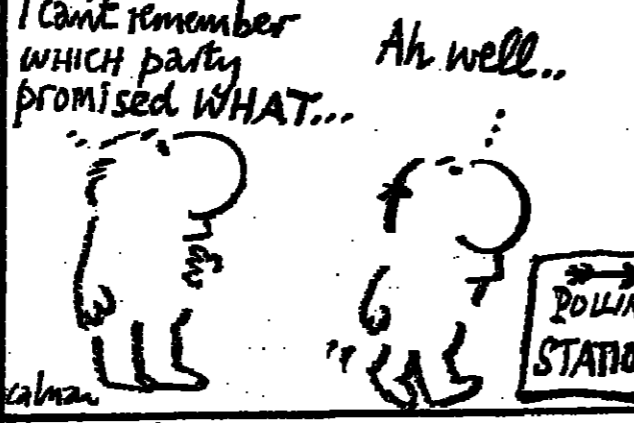
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recorded by the opinion polls in the last two weeks, had been arrested.

At Ebbw Vale in his Blaenau Gwent constituency, Mr Foot made his last campaign speech, warning voters that under a new Tory government the National Health Service would become "a fond but distant memory".

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, in a series of meetings in the Borders towns, gave warning against "the arrogance of power" of a Conservative government with a swollen majority.



US seeks missile flexibility

President Reagan announced yesterday a flexible new US position at the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) in Geneva.

US works with Russia for Lebanon peace

The United States has discussed the Middle East, including Lebanon, with the Soviet Union "and our objectives to get all the foreign forces out of Lebanon".

Owen statement confirms Alliance rift on defence

Dr David Owen yesterday confirmed the rift in Alliance policy over the independent British nuclear deterrent when he told Mr Norman Tebbit, in a radio discussion, that an Alliance government would use Polaris as a weapon of last resort.

Tilling wins control of BTR in £660m bid

Britain's largest company takeover bid ended last night as BTR, an engineering and energy group, won control of Thomas Tilling in a £660m deal.

Advertisement for Wimbledon tennis tournament: A great evening's tennis on the eve of Wimbledon.

Advertisement for Binatone Pro-Celebrity Tennis Tournament: On Friday next week, a team of tennis professionals...

Prince of Wales tells landowners they risk tighter controls

By Hugh Clayton

The Prince of Wales forecast yesterday that there would be tighter controls on landowners if they did not try to meet the demands of urban visitors to the countryside. He foresaw "some form of central authority if those who hold their land in trust for future generations are not prepared to adjust to changing attitudes and pressures".

He said that the competing demands of farming and conservation on private estates could be met through compromise. But the torrent of conflicting advice given to landowners such as himself was not always helpful.

The Prince was speaking in London to mark the publication of the British response to the World Conservation Strategy, which was started by international conservation agencies in 1980. The reports published yesterday, make up a proposed course of action for the new government.

some of the practical problems in trying to reconcile the conflicting demands facing a large estate", he said.

Farmers were sometimes caught between opposing pressures. The Ministry of Agriculture showed them how to increase output while official bodies like the Countryside Commission wanted them to conserve the landscape.

Dr David Bellamy, the television biologist, said that the world had less than five years in which to ensure survival by turning away from its present course of waste and destruction of habitats. He wanted more support for the recreational demands of visitors to the countryside.

The Prince concentrated on his experience as landlord of hundreds of tenants of the Duchy of Cornwall. He thus deftly avoided the national political implication of the strategy's call for government action against pollution, waste of raw materials and the destruction of habitats.

Roach case jury see scene of death

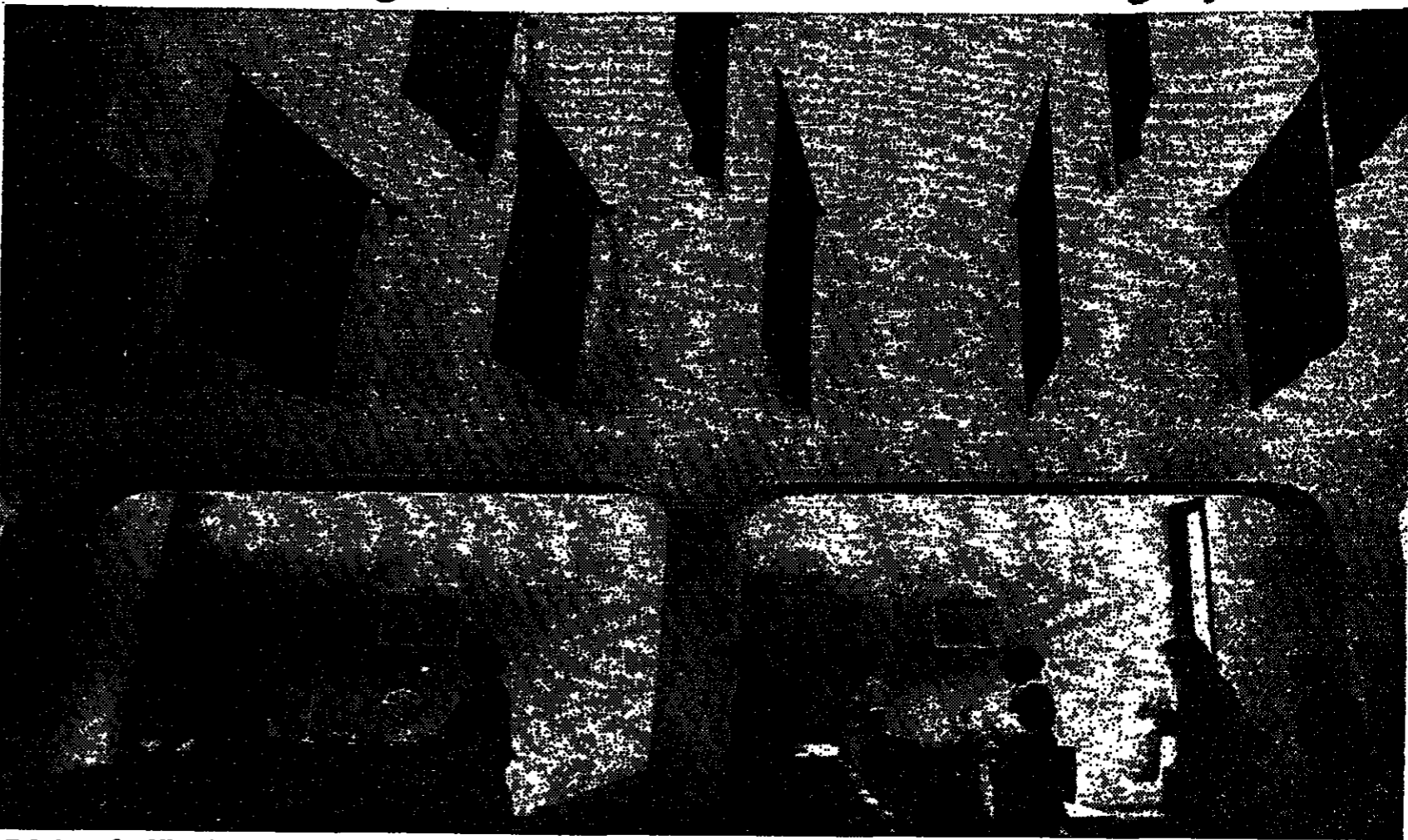
By Nicholas Timmins

The jury in the inquest on Colin Roach yesterday visited the scene of his death at Stoke Newington police station in north London.

Clerk fined for keeping secret texts

Ronald Cox, a former Foreign Office registry clerk, was fined a total of £1,200 yesterday for keeping confidential documents at his home.

Relatives gather to remember Bluff Cove tragedy



Relatives of soldiers killed a year ago yesterday on the Sir Galahad landing at Bluff Cove in the Falklands lining up to lay wreaths at the Welsh Guards Chapel in London yesterday.

The families were said to be "still very sad and bitter" that they were not holding a memorial service at the chapel but at the Kensington Temple, Notting Hill.

Mr John Nicholson, who organized the service, said: "I would think a year is plenty of time. In some of our parish churches it took only weeks to get memorial plaques."

Some of the relatives went on to Downing Street after the ceremony to deliver a letter to Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Others went to the chapel to lay a wreath.

regional official of the Falklands Families Association, said.

Mr Nicholson, of Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan, lost a son, Gareth, aged 19, on Sir Galahad. He said: "When we attended the cathedral service at St Paul's last year a promise was made at a lunch given afterwards that this year a service would be held at the guards' chapel. However, that has not taken place, so we decided to go ahead and have our own service."

had been so easily bombed by Argentine planes, Mr Nicholson said: "We are all still very sad and very bitter about what happened."

The families brought a wreath of flowers shaped in the form of a leek, the crest of the Welsh Guards, to the service. A roll of honour of the 39 First Battalion Welsh Guards and three Special Air Service Regiment soldiers who died was read out by the Rev Wynn Lewis, Mr Nicholson's brother-in-law.

Photograph: Brian Harris

BBC cancels TV teams' coverage of papal visit

By Kenneth Gosling

BBC television teams assigned to cover the Pope's visit to Poland, which starts next Thursday, have been withdrawn as a protest against the Polish authorities' refusal to grant visas and work permits to Mr Tim Sebastian, BBC Europe correspondent, and Mr Jan Repa, of the external services.

Doctors criticized in survey

By David Nicholson-Lord

Long waits at surgeries and difficulties in getting appointments are the commonest complaints about general practitioners, according to a survey by *Which?* published today. By 14 per cent of respondents expressed lack of confidence in the diagnosis of their GPs.

Dogs freed in kennel raid

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

Intruders broke into kennels on Tuesday night and released 51 hunting beagles at Ledsham in Wirral. Twelve of the hounds were lured into a van and the rest were let loose in a caravan park near by.

Mr Charles Dowson, aged 80, the kennel huntsman, spent the night rounding up the 12 beagles who roamed for miles after they were freed.

Better locks for flats in London

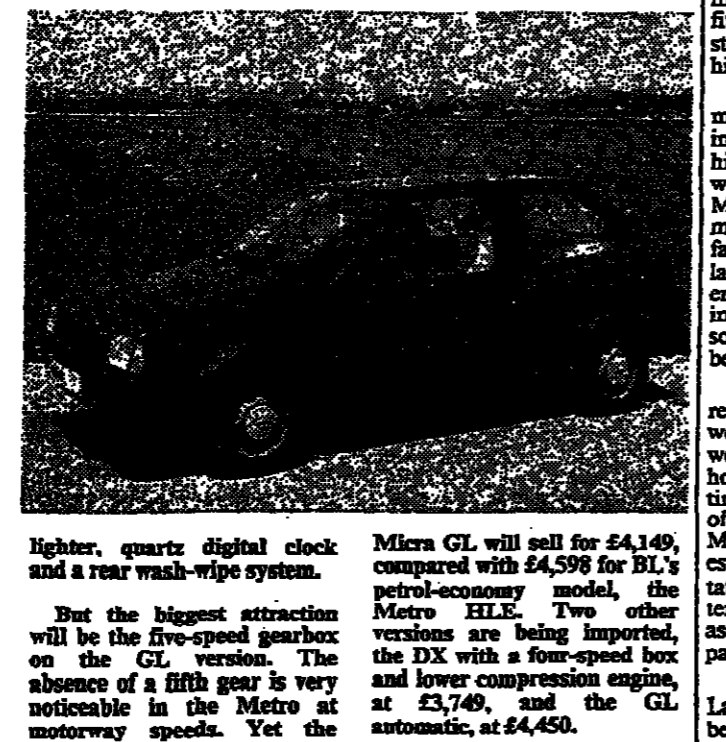
The Greater London Council intends to spend £180,000 to making its houses and flats safer, especially for women.

The security measures will make it impossible for an intruder to kick a door off its hinges or split the frame. The women's committee chairman, Miss Valerie White, said: "This move will go a long way to help families, and women in particular, to feel safe in their home environment. I hope it will be implemented on a wider scale so that more women might benefit."

Nissan offers 67.3mpg Metro rival

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

A formidable new Japanese car appears today to contest the crowded competitive small car market. The 1-litre Nissan Mira (right) is claimed to be the most economical car in Britain, returning 67.3 mpg at 56 mph.



Mira GL will sell for £4,149, compared with £4,596 for BL's petrol-economy model, the Metro HLE. Two other versions are being imported, the DX with a four-speed box and lower compression engine, at £3,749, and the GL automatic, at £4,450.

Police fear for safety of missing boy

The police said yesterday they were extremely concerned for the safety of Colin Jackson, aged 11, who disappeared from home on Tuesday night.

Forces throughout the North-east were put on alert after Colin vanished from his home in Manor Walk, Stillington, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

Soho club fire survivor tells court of attack

A fire last July which killed seven Chinese at an illegal Soho gambling club was caused by a group of Vietnamese who burst in carrying a can of petrol, the only survivor of the blaze said yesterday.

Mr Johnny Poon, a croupier, aged 24, told the Central Criminal Court in London that they were armed with table leg clubs and poured petrol over the door, gaming tables and floor.

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Pym criticizes Labour for ignoring 'vote losing' EEC

By Amanda Haigh

Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth Affairs, yesterday accused the Labour Party of deliberately ignoring the EEC during the election campaign because they knew it was a vote-loser.

Mr Pym said there had been no exclusion or attempt to abandon part of the manifesto, which the party stood by.

Hiding doubt in the green hills of Co Down

If this campaign proves to be Mr Enoch Powell's last hurrah at the hustings, his supporters will remember for years the scene at his penultimate meeting in a small town perched high above the lush green fields of Co Down.

He marched with his wife, Pamela, into Rathfriland's Church square amid a riot of colourful uniforms as seven bands, from accordion to flute and bagpipe to silver, brought crowds onto the streets.

Nothing emitting from the cacophony of sound appeared to be beating a retreat for Official Unionist hopes in the marginal constituency. Although their names would be tongue twisters for anyone outside Ulster, their presence to support Mr Powell is a clear indication of how hard he is having to fight to hold the seat he first won in 1974.

It is well known among Unionists that Mr Powell does not greatly favour bands at his election rallies, but they are a powerful attraction and highly symbolic in loyalist politics.

Facing up to failure: an old campaigner and a young hopeful

rough, widow of Northern Ireland Prime Minister between 1942-63, was there and in cash no one had noticed the audience were reminded that she came from old Loyalist stock and was lending her support.

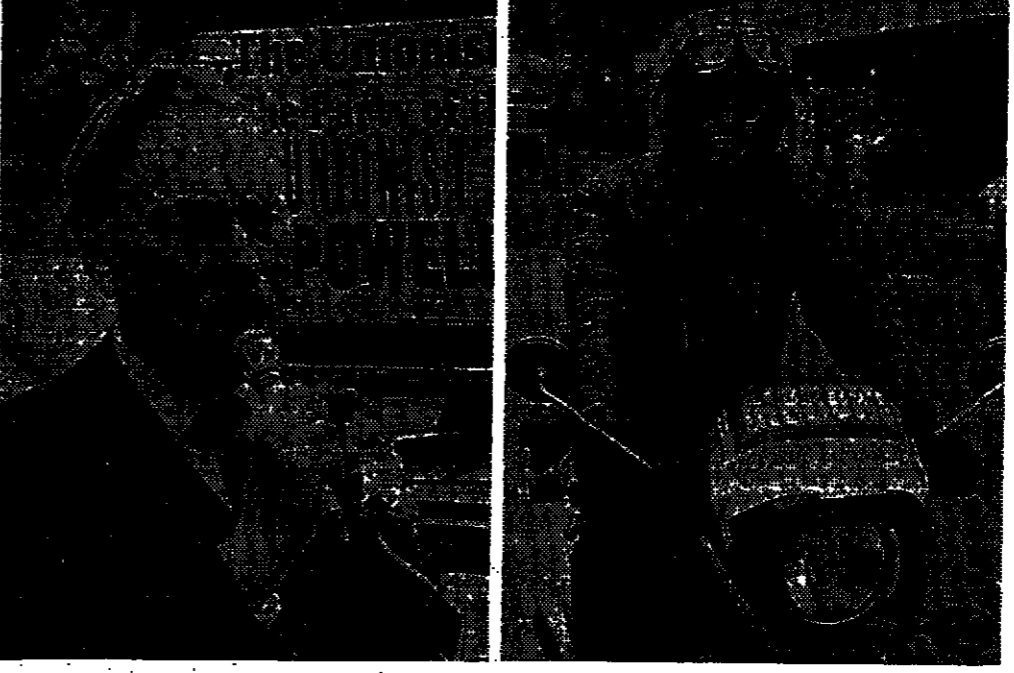
Even the Queen and Queen Mother got a mention in a speech in which the local assembly representative castigated the Democratic Unionist Party before making an inadvertent slip when he advised people to put a cross at the name of Mr Powell which was "at the bottom of the poll".

While other speakers attack their opponents and warn of the danger of handing the seat to a Republican, Mr Powell has struck throughout to three themes. They are passionately expounded with all his formidable logic.

His 300-strong audience of ruddy faced country people do not appear to warm to him but are impressed that someone of his international standing is their candidate, backing their cause.

Nowhere is too small for him to stop and nowhere is too hostile a territory. "I am now going to talk to the sheep at the crossroads, then I will do the impossible, and make a Unionist speech in Castlewelling".

He did both with only one house at the crossroads, and in Castlewelling the Provisional Sinn Fein banners were fluttering across the main street.



Mr Powell canvassing in Dumdrum, Co Down, while Mr Christopher Gibbons, right, goes in search of a Labour supporter in Sutton Coldfield

what Rhondda is to Labour - impregnable. Mr Norman Fowler, its fortunate MP since 1974, attracted almost 70 per cent of the votes cast in 1979 and the chance of Mr Gibbons ending the local hegemony today is as likely as Screaming Lord Sutch defeating Mrs Thatcher in Finchley.

And so the former Birmingham city councillor has spent most mornings during the campaign prosecuting for the local police before daring to venture out and receive his daily ration of abuse and mockery from Sutton Coldfield's massed true-blue ranks.

Flying the Labour flag in such a Tory bastion calls for novel campaign and organizational tactics. His first step was to pay a £5 insurance premium to cover himself against the near certainty of losing his £150 election deposit.

Having borrowed a motorcycle from the Triumph Meriden Cooperative, and proudly declaring himself to be the only motor-cycling Labour candidate in the country, Mr Gibbons has a BBC TV crew went in search of a voter. If the idea had not been eventually scrapped, they would probably still be continuing the search.

Despite the hopelessness of his cause, the personal knock and vilification, Mr Gibbons confesses to having enjoyed the contest and looks forward to a future parliamentary battle. Will it be in Sutton Coldfield again? "Nobody is ever asked to run here twice."

Where optimism is a Labour rally

With just 24 hours left to win over the hearts and minds of voters in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, the safest Conservative seat in Britain, the Labour candidate, Mr Christopher Gibbons, a barrister, stuck to his well-tried campaign programme yesterday morning and

prosecuted shoplifters and careless motorists in a nearby magistrates' court.

It is not that Mr Gibbons has given up any hope of victory. Such wild thoughts never entered his mind in the first place. "You have to take a realistic view of the matter. You are probably not going to win and the next thing that follows..." he says, pausing. "... is that you are going to come third."

Sutton Coldfield, the least working-class constituency outside London, is to the Tories

'Abrasive' Toryism attacked by Steel

By Barbara Day

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, "At the moment it looks as though there is going to be a Conservative victory. All the polls indicate that. Therefore the question is how substantial is the victory going to be, and what controlling interest is the Alliance going to be able to have on the Government."

"I think a lot of Conservative voters who believe in the old one-nation style of Conservatism are going to draw back from giving an endorsement to the new, abrasive and harsh Toryism that we see today and I think they will switch to the Alliance."

"I think that it would be a disaster if we had a major landslide for the Conservative Party because I think that the divisions in our society will increase over the next four or five years and that cannot be healthy for the country."

Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, "I believe Labour can win. I believe we are going to fight very hard tomorrow. I have seen the marginal constituencies where we are fighting and that is where the thing is going to be decided and I believe that the individual evidence that we have justifies this. I think the SDP or the Alliance, or whatever they call themselves, are going to be wiped out as an effective force

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in the next Parliament and the only way, therefore, the Thatcher Government can be defeated is through the Labour Party."

(ITN News at One) Mrs Margaret Thatcher: "The Conservative Party consists of people who come from all walks of life and the policy is for people in all walks of life. The really divisive policies are those of the Labour Party, who start to talk about class war, class struggle, all the old Marxist language. That is outdated. It is not suitable for Britain. I thought in the first Parliament which I came into in Harold MacMillan's time we had got rid of all that stuff. It is ridiculous. It belongs to a different age. They brought it back and it is they who deliberately set out to be divisive. We are British and I do not divide between one group and another."

"I have not used power autocratically in any way, nor should I use it autocratically. I am a devout believer in democracy and the ballot box and this is the only authority that any government has - the authority given to it by the people." (ITN News at One)

Early pointers to result

Within seconds of the polling booths closing at 10pm tonight, both BBC and ITN will flash an early prediction of the general election result to millions of television viewers.

Their forecasts will be based on thousands of late-day views carried out during the day with electors as they leave the polls in specially chosen constituencies.

ITN is interviewing 10,000 people spread over the 110 safest marginal seats in addition to further estimated 4,000 voters in 40 more seats, who form a typical cross-section of the population. The same formula employed in

1974 and 1979 provided ITN with a remarkably accurate prediction of the outcome.

The BBC is interviewing 4,500 electors in more than 300 constituencies. "It is hoped that the 1983 BBC survey will be at least as accurate as the first one I did for the 1979 election. Our prediction then was spot on," Professor Ivor Crewe, of the department of government at Essex University said yesterday.

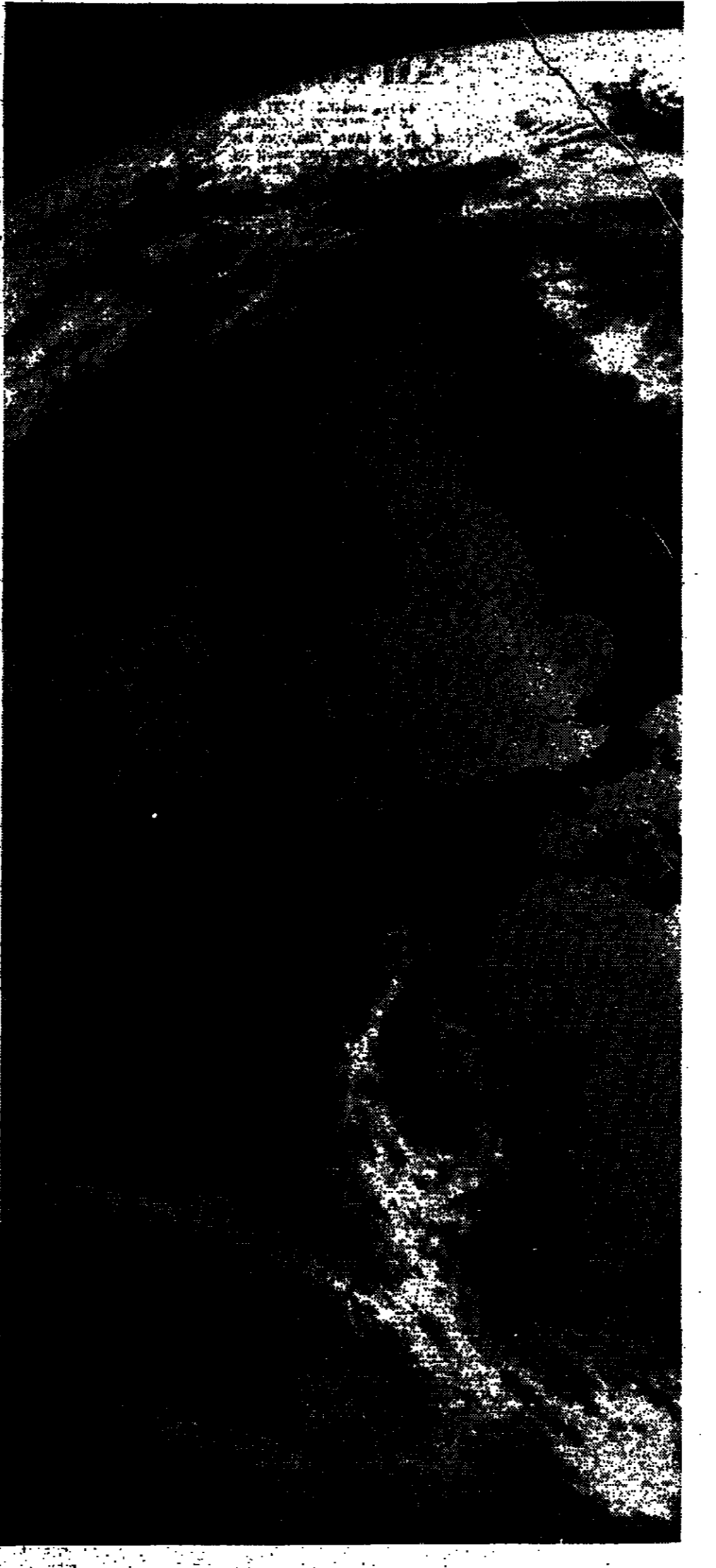
More than 40 countries will have British television coverage sent by satellite from British Telecom's earth stations at Gocchilly, near Land's end and Madley, Hereford.

TV and radio broadcasts

TODAY 10.00am-11.00am Election 83 presented by David Gooding, Peter Snow, Jonathan Ross and Michael Parkinson. 11.00am-11.15pm News presented by Michael Parkinson. 11.15pm-11.30pm News presented by Michael Parkinson. 11.30pm-11.45pm News presented by Michael Parkinson. 11.45pm-12.00am News presented by Michael Parkinson.

John Thompson and Peter Ashbury, presenters of the 1983 election programme, will be seen on the 10.00pm News at 10.00pm and 11.00pm on Thursday. They will also be seen on the 11.00pm News at 11.00pm and 11.15pm on Thursday. They will also be seen on the 11.15pm News at 11.15pm and 11.30pm on Thursday. They will also be seen on the 11.30pm News at 11.30pm and 11.45pm on Thursday. They will also be seen on the 11.45pm News at 11.45pm and 12.00am on Thursday.

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African unity at stake

Polisario Front agrees pullout to prevent OAU summit collapse

Addis Ababa (Reuters, AFP, AP) - The Polisario Front yesterday agreed to pull out of the nineteenth summit of the organization of African unity (OAU), clearing the way for an end to the crisis which has threatened the organization's existence.

The OAU last held a proper summit in Nairobi two years ago. All subsequent attempts to hold one have been abandoned without a quorum because of an even split between the radical and moderate camps.

Mr Hakim insisted, however, that the SADR still remained a full OAU member and that the decision to abstain, taken after a meeting a few hours earlier with the outgoing OAU chairman, President Moi of Kenya, was voluntary and "in conformity with our wish to safeguard African unity".

Gaddafi roadshow dazzles Addis

Addis Ababa (NYT) - Under the walls of Africa Hall, where the organization of African Unity remained locked in possibly terminal dispute, there is a modest side-show for those not privy to the deliberations within.

to be staying not with other heads of state in a hotel, but in a private villa whence he departs for his public appearances.

A maroon, stretched Mercedes packed with bodyguards will screech to a halt outside the blue-carpeted steps of Africa Hall, where the organization has been deadlocked by a decision that threatens its survival over the Polisario guerrillas who Colonel Gaddafi, among others supports.

German churchmen fear peace group takeover

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The German Evangelical Church yesterday began a five-day convention in Hanover that has already provoked sharp political controversy because of accusations that it will be dominated by the peace movement, whose members are attending in large numbers.

for the Evangelical Church newspaper the importance of the Nato twin-track decision as a means of reaching a balanced reduction of arms in Europe.

Elton John takes home old China

From David Bonavia, Peking

Elton John, the singer, has bought \$50,000 worth of antiques during the tour here by Watford Football Club, of which he is chairman.



Mrs Gandhi 'a soul in agony'

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, left, with Mrs Milka Planinc, President of the Yugoslav Federal Executive Council, after the Indian leader's arrival in Belgrade yesterday for a 48-hour official visit to Yugoslavia.

Mrs Gandhi, who is on the first leg of a European tour that will take her to Finland, Denmark, Norway and Aus-

tralia, is the current President of the non-aligned movement. She later addressed the sixth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) which opened in Belgrade on Monday, AFP and AP report.

Freed relief team gets near Sudan

Khartoum (Reuters) - A team of foreign relief workers recently freed after being kidnapped by guerrillas in Ethiopia have crossed a flood-swollen river on their journey back to freedom and are close to Sudan, reports said here yesterday.

ANC guerrilla in last-minute appeal for stay of execution

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government, unmoved by a flood of eleven-hour appeals for clemency from all over the world, yesterday said that the hanging of three African National Congress guerrillas would take place as planned at dawn today.

The spokesman would neither confirm nor deny that there had been any further discussion of the matter at an Executive Council meeting yesterday.

The first test-tube triplets born

Adelaide (Reuters) - An Australian woman gave birth to the world's first test-tube triplets yesterday, two girls and a boy, delivered a month premature by Caesarian section.

Mercy mission man due back

Dr Andrew Doig, the Church of Scotland emissary sent to Malawi to plead for mercy for Mr Ovtyn Chirwas, the country's former Justice Minister, and his wife, is expected back in Britain today.

Volga disaster toll put at 240

Moscow (AP) - The death toll from Sunday's Volga river cruise ship disaster was at least 240, unofficial Soviet sources reported. Four railway carriages had plunged from the bridge by the ship.

Hawke in Paris

Paris (AP) - Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, arrived in Paris yesterday for a round of talks with French leaders that is expected to focus on Australia's opposition to France's nuclear weapons testing in the South Pacific.

Claim denied

Washington - The Reagan Administration was branded as "patently false" the contention of an anti-Zionist committee in Moscow that the majority of Jews who desired to emigrate from the Soviet Union had already left.

Pilots eject

The Hague (Reuters) - A USAF Phantom reconnaissance aircraft based in England crashed at Oudeschep, northeast of Groningen, yesterday but the two pilots ejected safely, the Dutch Defence Ministry said.

Flagged down

Harare (Reuters) - An African businessman running a curio shop in Bulawayo has been arrested for the possession of flags and army insignia of the former Rhodesia. Their sale on display was banned in 1981.

Golfer's suit

New York (AP) - Severiano Ballesteros, the Spanish golfer, has filed a suit for unspecified damages against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., charging it used his picture in advertisements without permission or payment.

Out of tune

Frankfurt (AP) - An embarrassed USAF band apologized to the Yugoslav national football team after playing the pre-war national anthem during an up-play in the match against West Germany for 30 minutes while a search was made for the proper music.

Seven killed

Johannesburg (AP) - Seven people leaving a wedding died when their twin-engine private aircraft crashed after take-off from Cape Town.

Exiles return

Harare (Reuters) - Botswana has sent back about 70 Zimbabwean exiles who illegally fled across the border from the troubled province of Matabeleland.

Own goal

Stockholm (AP) - A Swedish navy minesweeper firing an anti-aircraft gun scored a direct hit on its own bridge during an exercise in waters south of here, a naval spokesman said. No one was hurt.

Two Israelis die in Beirut car blast

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Israel's toll of military casualties in Lebanon rose still further yesterday when a car bomb exploded next to an Israeli convoy on the perimeter of West Beirut, killing two soldiers instantly and gravely wounding a third.

The ambush, which appeared to have been aimed at the Israeli divisional commander in central Lebanon who was believed to be driving at the front of the convoy, brought to 496 the number of Israeli troops killed since the invasion of Lebanon a year ago.

The convoy was using the dangerous supply route around the edge of West Beirut. It is a narrow boulevard that runs along the old Sidon road to Galerie Seman (the crossing point between the east and west of the city), then up towards the Damascus highway, where the positions maintain their forward positions.

As it turned the corner at Galerie Seman, a white Mercedes car exploded at the side of the road and blasted the nearest vehicle, an armoured personnel carrier, across the highway.

The three men had earlier refused to make such an application, saying they had prepared themselves for death. But Mr Moutang changed his mind after being persuaded by relatives who visited him on "death row" yesterday morning.

The EEC's demarche was delivered on Tuesday to Mr Hans Van Delsen, the Director-General of Foreign Affairs, by Herr Carl Lahusen, the West German Ambassador to South Africa.

West Germany at present holds the EEC presidency. Leaders of the British Labour and Alliance parties sent messages of their own to Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, calling for clemency.

According to eye-witnesses, the two soldiers on the vehicle were torn in half by the explosion. A Lebanese policeman was also thought to have died.

Brigadier-General Amnon Lifkin, the Israeli commander of the Beirut region, was seen reversing his jeep and driving back to the scene of the ambush where five civilians were burning in the street beside the crippled vehicle.

In dark glasses and with an automatic rifle over his shoulder, he spent up to two hours talking to his fellow officers and armed Israeli security men in plain clothes in a gated building beside the road. The explosives, estimated at 100kg, were almost certainly set off by remote control.

Four hours later, the Palestine Liberation Organization news agency, Wafa, claimed in Cyprus that the bomb had been the work of the "Lebanese National Resistance Front", the formulaic expression that the PLO now uses in every reference to attacks on the Israelis in Lebanon.

The chorus of recrimination inside Israel marking the first anniversary of the invasion of Lebanon has reached a new pitch with a reported attack on the military judgment of Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, by the former head of Mossad, the Israeli secret service.

Reserve General Yitzhak Hafi, who was Israel's spy master until he retired last August, allegedly told a closed meeting of military officers that Mr Begin - to whom he was personally accountable - lacked "the capability and experience to grasp military subjects".

His remarks were leaked to the military correspondent of Israel Radio, who also reported that the general had told the officers that there was an urgent need to appoint a special adviser who could help the Prime Minister to evaluate intelligence material.

There is no doubt that the soul searching will continue. Next Monday the Knesset is due to debate two opposition motions calling for a full judicial inquiry into the war. Yesterday, by a majority of 55 to 47 with two abstentions, the Government comfortably defeated a call by the main Labour opposition for a unilateral withdrawal of all Israeli troops from Lebanon. The victory was despite the fact that two Likud members, Mr Yitzhak Berenson and Mr Dror Ziegman both voted in favour of the pull-out.

Uproar over spy chief's reported attack on Begin

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The incident was the culmination of days of unceasing wrangling between Israeli ministers and between senior officers and politicians over the way in which the war in Lebanon was handled. Mr Begin is believed to have been

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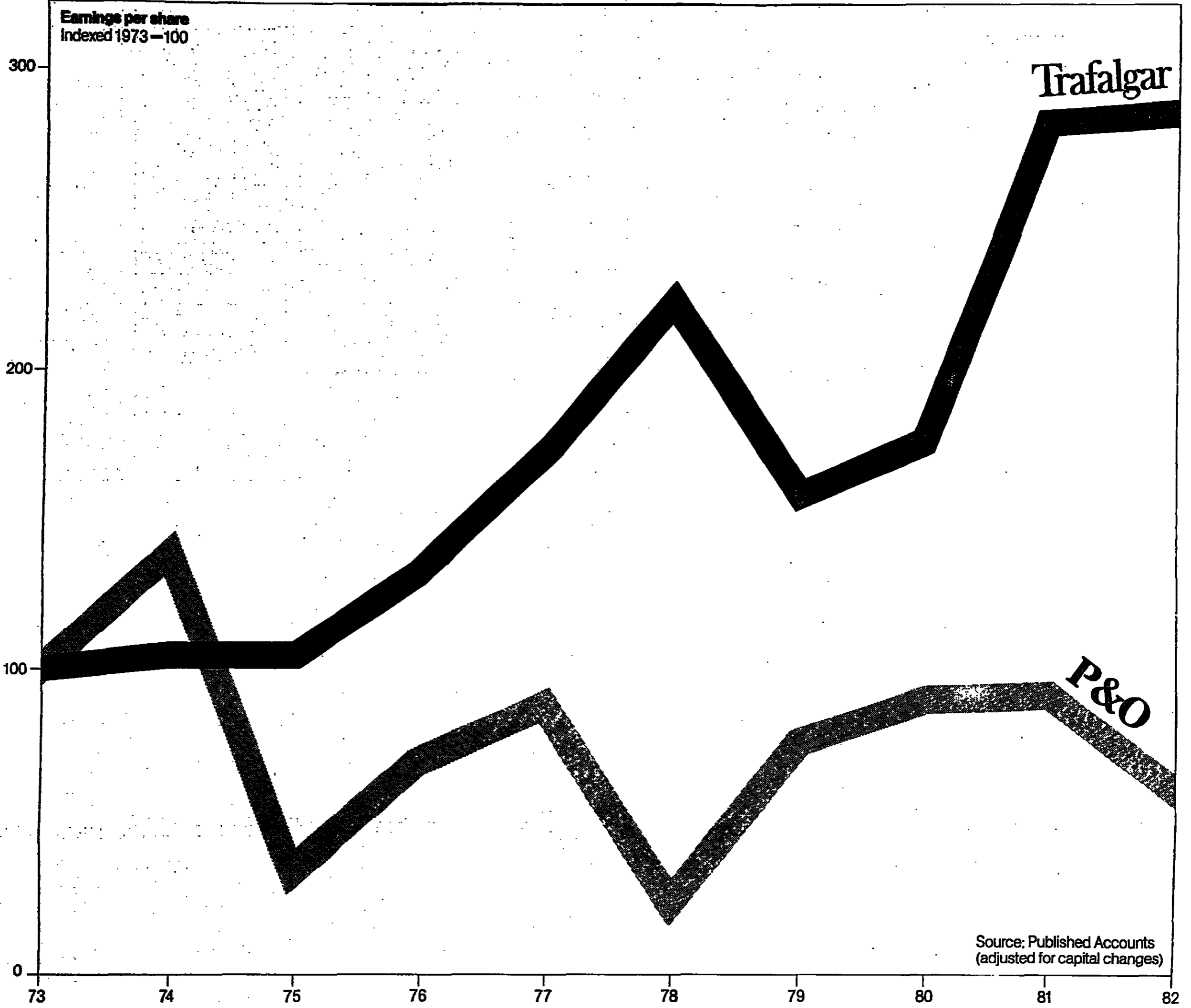
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Scandal of wife burning reaches epidemic proportions in Delhi

From Michael Haslyn, Delhi

Nine women died in Delhi last week because their fathers did not pay their husbands enough dowry. The traditional Indian way for wives to die is by fire and, sure enough, eight of the women were doused in paraffin, set alight, and left to blaze ferociously. The ninth was poisoned.

British bird-watchers held in Turkey

Istanbul (AP) - Turkish security guards seized two British bird-watchers in a swamp area bordering Greece. A local public prosecutor said yesterday.



Pit toll rises to 10

A miner and a woman doctor carrying breathing apparatus from the coal mine at Aleksinac, Serbia, where 10 miners died in an explosion of methane gas, AP reports. More than 50 were injured in the blast, which trapped 140 men 2,500 ft underground.

Honecker snubs departing envoy

From Michael Blayon Bonn

Mr Pyotr Abramov, the Soviet Ambassador in East Berlin, met Herr Richard von Weizsaecker, the Mayor of West Berlin, on Tuesday evening at the West Berlin Government guest house for a final discussion before Mr Abramov's recall to Moscow.

Soviet intellectuals fear plenum will tighten controls

From Richard Owen, Moscow

control closer to the central party institutions. Both General Vitaly Fedorchuk, the Interior Minister, and General Viktor Chebrikov, head of the KGB are personally associated with Mr Andropov.

Jordanians shot in Barcelona

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Police yesterday were investigating the shooting of two Jordanians, who were believed to be students in Barcelona, and said that political motives could not be ruled out.



Norwegian coalition takes office

Oslo (AP, Reuter) - Norway's first majority Government since 1971 was officially installed yesterday at a state council meeting in the royal palace.

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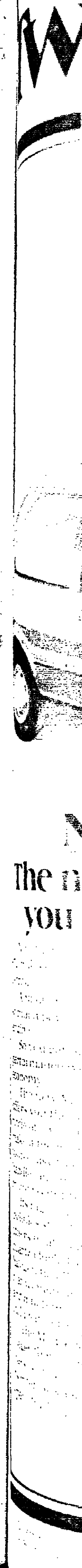
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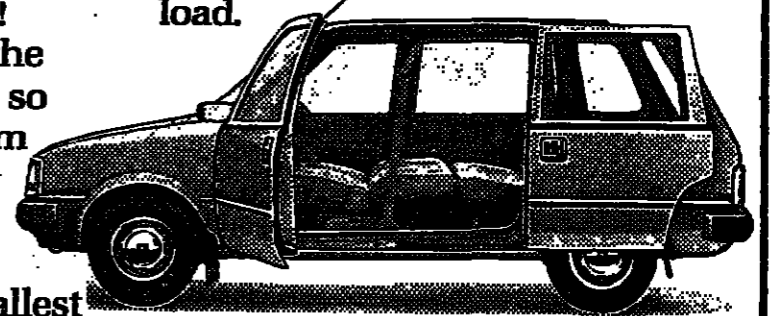
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US-Nicaragua tension grows

Consular officials accused of spying

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Nicaragua's six consulates in the United States closed down yesterday and their 21 officials began leaving for home after the Reagan Administration's swift retaliation for the expulsion on Monday of three American diplomats from Nicaragua.

The heads of the consulates in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans and Houston were ordered by the State Department on Tuesday to close their offices and leave the country within 24 hours. The remainder of their staff and dependents have been told to leave by tomorrow.

The State Department said that an important consideration behind its action was "the Nicaraguan Government's use of its consulates for intelligence operations". Officials declined to give any details, and categorically rejected Nicaraguan charges that expelled Americans had been involved in subversive activities.

Tension between the Administration and the Sandinista Government has reached an unprecedented pitch, but diplomatic relations have not been broken off.

President Reagan has repeatedly accused Managua, which is supported by Cuba and the Soviet Union, of giving aid to left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador. The Administration is giving economic and military aid to the Salvadorean Government.

On Tuesday the House foreign affairs committee approved a Bill to deny the operations in Nicaragua. Instead, the Bill would authorize the Administration to spend \$80m over two years to help friendly Central American nations to halt arms supplies to the Salvadorean guerrillas.

The committee's recommen-



Arrival: Miss Linda Pfeifel, Miss Ermila Rodriguez and Mr David Noble Greig, the three US diplomats expelled from Nicaragua, at Miami airport.

dation, adopted by 20 votes to 14, is, however, unlikely to be passed by the full Congress. It will now go to the Democratically dominated House of Representatives, where Republicans and some Democrats will seek a compromise. Even if it passed the House, the Bill would stand little chance in the Republican-controlled Senate.

A State Department spokesman said: "We have stated before our basic opposition to any legislation which would constrain the executive's policy tools to deal with the extremely complex situation in Central America."

Many Democrats in Congress

have alleged that the Administration is assisting Nicaraguan rebels to overthrow the Government, in violation of a congressional ban on the use of intelligence funds for such purposes.

Washington has repeatedly denied this, maintaining that its objective is merely to help stop arms shipments to the Salvadorean guerrillas.

The Senate Intelligence Committee recently approved a Bill which would allow the cover operations to continue until September 30, 1984, unless Congress votes to end them after that date.

MANAGUA: Señor Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the Nicaraguan junta, said that the expulsion of the American diplomats showed "irresponsibility" and strengthened the policy of confrontation and the war in Central America.

Their expulsion also "strengthens" the support that the United States is giving to the counter-revolutionary groups backed by the Army and Government of Honduras.

Señor Ortega's comments were made after the signing of an agreement on economic and scientific cooperation between Cuba and Nicaragua.



Departure: Señor Manuel Cordero, Nicaraguan Charge in Washington, announcing the US-retaliation.

El Salvador trial: The Reagan Administration has decided to send a special representative to El Salvador to try to make sure that the courts conduct a thorough trial of Salvadoran soldiers accused of murdering four American missionaries in 1980. NYT reports.

Mr Harold R. Tyler, of New York, a former federal judge, has agreed to accept the role. Administration officials said, and to report back to the Administration and Congress.

The case has been a focus of continuing dispute in the United States because little progress has been made in the Salvadorean courts since National Guardsmen were charged with the murders in November, 1982.

Pilot tells of ordeal

Broken radio forced Harrier into emergency landing

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The pilot of the Royal Navy Sea Harrier which landed on a Spanish cargo vessel in the Atlantic said he was forced to do so because of " navigational problems".

Sub-Lieutenant Jan Watson, speaking by radio telephone from the Alraigo which is expected in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, in the Canaries, this morning said: "There were no mechanical problems with the Harrier, but I realized I had navigational problems when I discovered the main radio was no longer working."

With fuel for only six minutes flying and having lost contact with the aircraft carrier, illustrious while on a sea mission the 25-year-old pilot then used his radar and managed to locate the Spanish 3,800 tonnes dead-weight cargo vessel as it was some 120 nautical miles from the Portuguese coast sailing south-westwards.

Sub-Lieutenant Watson circled the Alraigo and then came down hovering over the cargo of 4ft by 2ft containers all stored in a 90ft area between the ship's bridge and its derrick.

"All the crew looked very concerned and they had the lifeboats out and the fire hoses at the ready", Sub-Lieutenant Watson went on, explaining

that at the Alraigo lurched in high seas the Harrier nearly shipped off the containers ending with its fuselage tipped nose upwards at an angle of 10 degrees.

After getting over the shock the crew had been "very good indeed", Sub-Lieutenant Watson from the Yeovilton base. The Alraigo is expected to dock in Santa Cruz between 10 and 11 am local time today and a spokesman for the Garcia Minaur Line, owners of the ship, said yesterday that it was expected the vessel's own derrick would lift the Harrier off.

Señor Iraki Echeverria, head of the line, said a salvage claim on the Harrier had already put into this lawyer's hands.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry previously said the whole incident would be treated as a humanitarian matter - like the forced landing of any other aircraft.

The Spanish press has generally treated the incident in a light hearted way but has emphasised the remarks of the Alraigo's skipper, Captain Aitor Suso, a 26-year-old Basque, who spoke of his crew's fears when one of the Harrier's bombs slipped from its emplacement

after the aircraft had been lashed down on board.

Diario 16, the Madrid liberal daily, had a front page illustrated column under the headline: "Land Wherever You Can". It showed a cartoon of an RAF pilot looking on nonchalantly from his cockpit as scared Spanish seamen watched a bomb plow along the Alraigo's deck. The newspaper was the only Spanish publication to mention a bomb.

Other papers said the Harrier had been taking part with the illustrious in Nato manoeuvres. Reporting from Tenerife ABC, the Madrid right-wing daily, speculated that the Harrier might not be handed over today by the Spanish authorities in the Canaries but at the nearest British port - Gibraltar.

The Spanish Defence Ministry decided, on being informed by the shipping line, that the Alraigo should keep on its regular course from Bilbao to the Canaries. The captain of the ship told Spanish media he had received a suggestion from the aircraft carrier illustrious that he should make an emergency stop in Oporto, Portugal. The Spanish Navy also has the special take-off and short landing aircraft on its carrier, the Dédalo.

Defence Ministry faces £400,000 bill

By John Lawless

The Ministry of Defence is likely to face a bill for about £400,000 as a result of the Harrier's emergency landing.

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and suspect, as a result of wear and tear on the high seas.

"I have seen containers that have been damaged through the Harrier's landing," he said. "People can walk on them and they will be damaged."

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French police union fights back for its sacked chief

The second largest police union federation, whose secretary-general has been dismissed from the force for his role in the police demonstrations in Paris last week, announced yesterday that it planned to hold a demonstration in protest against the attack on individual union rights.

M Remy Halbwax, secretary-general of the Union Syndicale Categorielle, which represents about a fifth of the uniformed police, said the dismissal was clearly the objective of the government's

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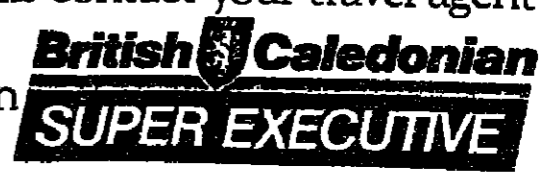
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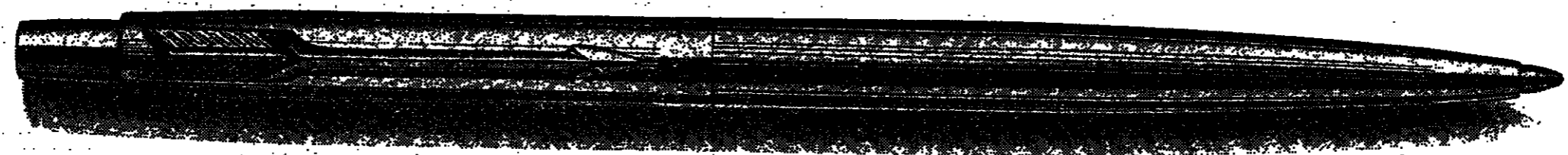
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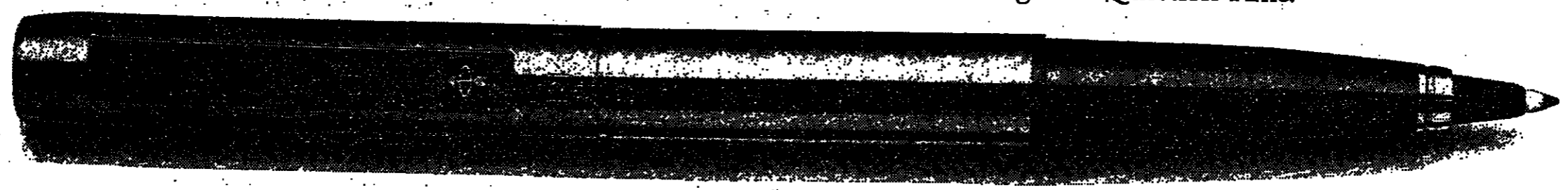
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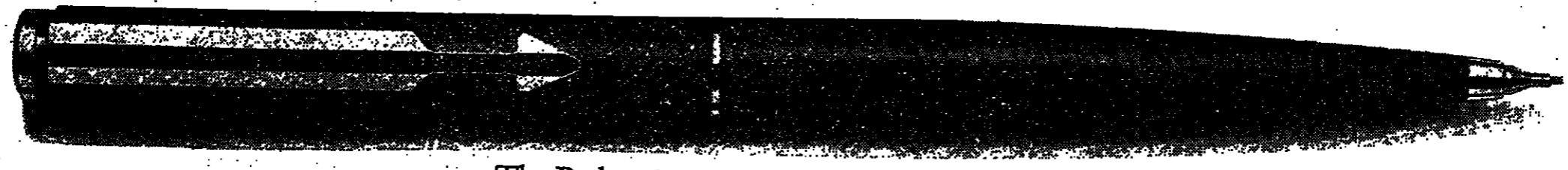
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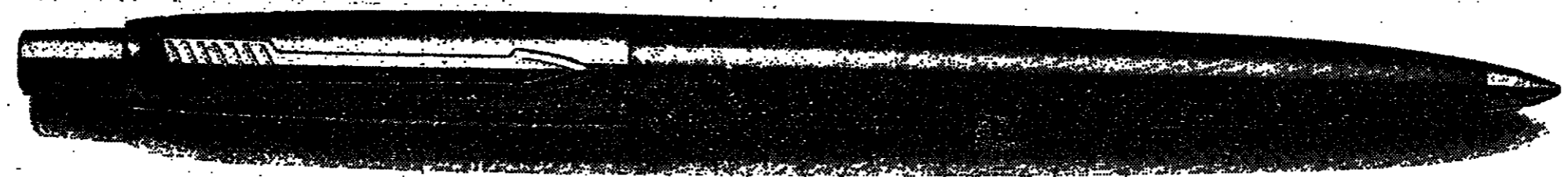
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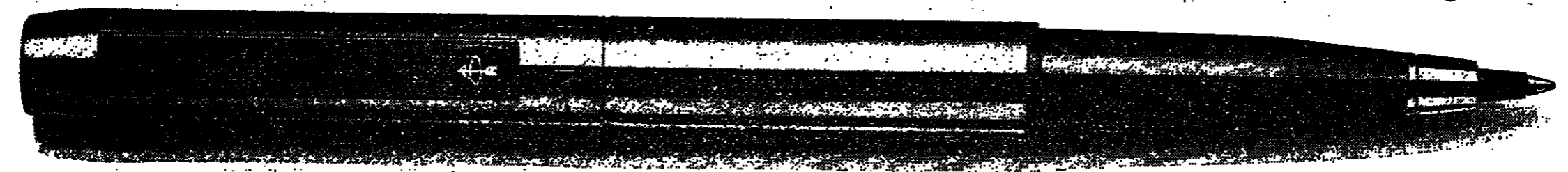
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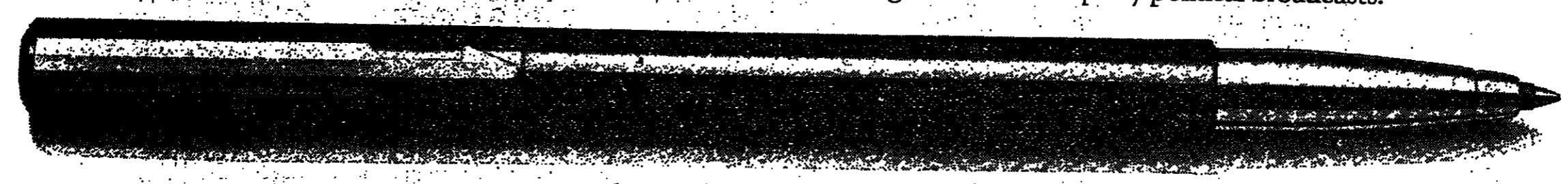
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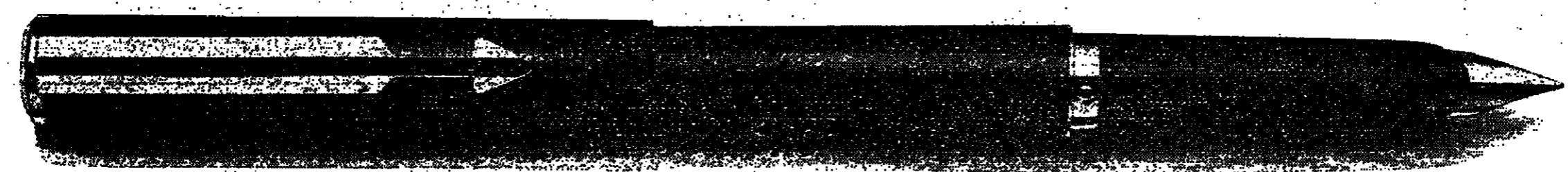
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leaving their form uncollected at the polling station; the last of the big abstainers.

But there is another group of men and women, all living in Britain and directly affected by the new regime, which has no votes at all.

A good question. And, in the circumlocution of the politicians whose day of days this is, may I answer it by asking you another?

When Nye Bevan called them "worse than ermine" (Surely it was "worse than vermouth"? Ed.) it was under the assumption that most of them were going to vote Tory.

It was Lord Hailsham, in his first incarnation, who said the British electorate would be "stark, staring bonkers" if they were to vote Labour, little knowing the catch in the constitution which says that if you are stark, staring bonkers, or even merely off your trolley, then you are not entitled to vote in any case.

Be that as it may, the thing about being crackers, if you want to carry on voting, is not to be caught at it by two doctors. One of the best places for avoiding detection is among the ranks of the House of Commons after lunch.

Then there are minors, which is a posh name for children. They should not be confused with the other sort, who caused Ted Heath to ask who was governing Britain.

One of the lasting puzzles of the British electoral system - and one I should say, completely ignored by Walter Bagehot in his English Constitution - is why politicians spend so much time kissing minors or patting them on the head during elections.

If you are a guest of Her Majesty at, say, Windsor or Wormwood Scrubs, then you are ineligible to vote. The criminal fraternity counts this as one of its most jealously guarded perks.

Aliens are likewise vote-free. They can drink tea, go on strike, hate foreigners, eat fish and chips, sing Rule Britannia, dodge VAT and love the Queen Mum, but that does not make them one of us.

Nicholas Wapshott



NEARLY MAN

Andrew Horlens (above) A-level student Westminster School, who narrowly misses voting

"I do regret not being able to vote - it was so tantalizingly close. It will probably be the last chance I have to vote for my father... next time I expect I shall be living outside his constituency... I would have voted Conservative anyway unless the candidate was one I did not like.

ALIEN

Bonnie Angelo (left) Bureau Chief, Time Magazine, American citizen

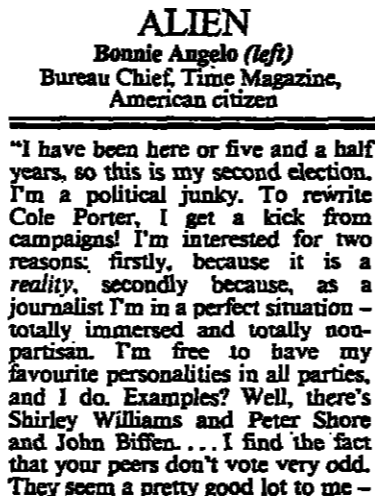
"I have been here or five and a half years, so this is my second election. I'm a political junky. To rewrite Cole Porter, I get a kick from campaigns! I'm interested for two reasons, firstly, because it is a reality, secondly, because as a journalist I'm in a perfect situation to be totally immersed and totally non-partisan.



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Lord Ardwick (right) Ex-editor, created a life peer in 1970

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SUB ROYAL

Patrick, Earl of Lichfield (right) Hereditary peer and working photographer

"I inherited when I was 18 so I've never voted. I do not think there should be revisions in the House of Lords. Since one is given the option of whether or not to sit there (it's called leave of absence), I think that matters of government you could be allowed to vote.



does one vote make anyway". Now I know otherwise. It is extraordinary, looked at from an advertising point of view, that the others didn't change the two front men: if Labour had Healey at the front it would be a different matter now... I never gamble normally, but last year and in 1979 I had a bet that Mrs Thatcher wouldn't get in. I need the money if she doesn't...

EX-CON

Geoff Coggan (left) Ex-prisoner Wormwood Scrubs, Wandsworth, Parkhurst, national organizer, the National Prisoners' Movement

"I was in Wormwood Scrubs at the time of the 1974 election - 1974 probably represented the high spot of prisoner's interest as prisoners in parliamentary elections. Since then there has been the disillusionment of three Home Secretaries in quick succession - Roy Jenkins, Merlyn Rees and Whitlaw - now representing the three parties soliciting our votes.

nuclear weapons and are more likely than most to be affected, on their release, by unemployment - right at the end of the queue. On election night people will be listening on transistor radios. You're not allowed to lay bets in prison, of course, but it's done all the time. As to how they would vote, there are no grounds for anticipating a prisoners' "block" vote, not even on issues like capital punishment or length of sentences.



RIGHTS FIGHT

Tony Stone (above) Director of social education, Calderston Hospital and Director of nursing, Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale District Mental Handicap Service

"The position on Thursday is that the 110 patients who were put on the register in 1978 will participate in this election... Both major political parties are committed to improving the lives of mentally handicapped people; I don't know how the Alliance stands. At present some patients are very conscious of the issues involved in the election and want to participate; there are others not so conscious and some whose illness incapacitates them to such an extent that they are not aware of the issues at all.

electoral register at Calderstones, the staff identified approximately 10 per cent of patients as being fully capable. They were put on the electoral register in 1978 and voted in the 1979 by-election. As a result of this, more people from Calderstones came forward and said: 'Why can my friend vote and not me?' We realized then that the only proper way was to put the entire population on the register, so the whole thing becomes self-selective... It took three or four years, but finally in September 1981, Blackburn Crown Court awarded the three patients whose case we argued initially the right to vote. This effectively brought about the changes which eventually led to the Mental Health Amendment Act, which comes into force this September.

Judy Froshang

Cartoon titled 'FLAVIA CORKSCREW'S GOOD FOOD GUIDE' showing people at a polling station. One man says 'I put my sandwiches in the wrong box this morning, and they've been melting in here all day. Even as we speak the tactical votes could all be sticking together.' Another says 'At this very moment the cheese could be giving up a possible landslide.' A woman says 'What's the matter?' and another replies 'I've lost my sealing wax to seal the ballot box against corruption and blue bottles drawn to the cameraman.' A man says 'Perfectly provided it's constitutional.' Another says 'You'd better take this calorie chart in case there's a recount...'

Ballotspeak MOREOVER... Miles Kingston. A column of text discussing election issues and candidates, including references to 'floating candidates', 'important person', and 'Brent Cross Shopping Centre'.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 78). A crossword puzzle grid with clues for words like 'Drooping carriage', 'Rider's seat', 'Social insect', 'Ascended', 'Make wealthy', 'Here in the studio', 'Sorry to interrupt you here, Sir Robin', 'Hello, I'm Ivor Crewe', 'Sorry to interrupt there, but we've just heard that we've got a result in Brent Cross Shopping Centre, so over to Vincent Hanna', 'Brent Cross Shopping Centre used to be called A1(M) Access Road, don't forget, but', 'The computer is now predicting a victory for the singer from Luxembourg', 'We've just heard that Vincent Hanna has been elected at Birmingham New Street', 'Labour have managed to hold on to Michael Foot', 'Andrew Faulds is appearing in The Returning Officer', 'So let's have one last look at Ivor Crewe', 'Hello...', 'And good night.', '6 Challenged (5)', '7 Authorization (7)', '14 Isles (7)', '15 Tranquil (7)', '16 Puzzer (7)', '18 Not these (5)', '19 Invertebrate (5)', '21 Perfect (5)'. SOLUTION TO No 77: ACROSS: 1 Nugget 4 Esteem 7 Lien 8 Regulate 9 Atrocity 12 Bye 15 Adonis 16 Sculpt 17 Arm 19 Guidance 24 Question 25 Gate 26 Beauty 27 Errant. DOWN: 1 Null 2 Guest Room 3 Toric 4 Eighth 5 Toll 6 Entry 10 Owing 11 Yucca 12 Balclava 13 Eats 14 Lava 16 Rouse 20 Unity 21 Dumco 22 Esau 23 Feet.

Ronald Butt

Why this election could be a real turning point

This election is first and foremost about the challenge that Mrs Thatcher represents for the British people. It is about her invitation to them to act on, and not to try to escape from, the realities with which she confronts them. Yet historically the election is about the Labour Party. For it was Labour's performance in the 1960s and 1970s - when, with the unions, it was the pivot of British politics - that brought us to a new turning point at which Mrs Thatcher emerged into power.

In 1945, the country elected the Attlee government because it wanted a new deal, because the social changes unleashed by the war had spread the conviction that the Tories were not the party to deliver one, and above all because the electorate had been convinced by the presence of Labour ministers in the wartime Cabinet that they were fit to govern. The prewar misgivings about Labour pacifism and its extremist wing had fallen away.

By 1951, after the Attlee government's injection of a large but not decisive dose of socialism into the body politic, the electorate had decided that it had had enough. It had got what it had principally wanted in the modern welfare state. But it did not want more nationalisation and it came to suspect that Labour politicians liked controls, restrictions and bureaucracy for their own sake.

So the Conservatives were returned to power and a new political dispensation was established in which both Tories and Labour broadly acquiesced. Both parties accepted the post-1945 welfare state, a free society and a mixed economy - though each party drew somewhat differently the desired lines between individual and collective responsibility, and between private and public ownership. There was a bipartisan defence and foreign policy.

After 13 years of Tory government (which, following the fashion of that time, inclined increasingly towards economic planning at the end of its term) Harold Wilson led Labour back to power. He was able to do so because his predecessor, Hugh Gaitskell, had defeated attempts to commit Labour to left-wing socialism. Wilson won (just) in 1964, and again in 1966 because he convinced enough of the electorate that Labour would maintain the mixed economy and could solve the nation's problems by voluntary planning for prosperity in consultation with the trade unions and managements. Economic growth, secured by agreement, would pay painfully for better benefits for all.

The unions destroyed that grand design by refusing to deliver the pay restraint required by the government's plans. They defeated a similar Tory attempt under Edward Heath and created a crisis in which the electors drove the Conservatives from office, but significantly refused Labour an outright majority. With either no majority, or with a tiny majority, or with the help of the Liberalism the Wilson-Callaghan governments of 1974-79 survived to try to control a deteriorating economy - this time by blatantly buying the unions off with the Dasegeld of government spending. Predictably, the unions behaved like marauding Danes and in the winter of 1978-79 destroyed the Callaghan government.

William Safire

Raining cats and anchovies

Washington The gravest question facing the world today is: Who or what is tampering with El Niño? El Niño de Navidad - Spanish for "the Christ child", because of its appearance each year around Christmas - is the warm current that flows down the Pacific coast of South America, periodically playing havoc with fishing and even reversing the direction of trade winds. Most years, this "southern oscillation" is pushed back out to sea by the icy Humboldt current, in which anchovies gambol. Not last year or this.

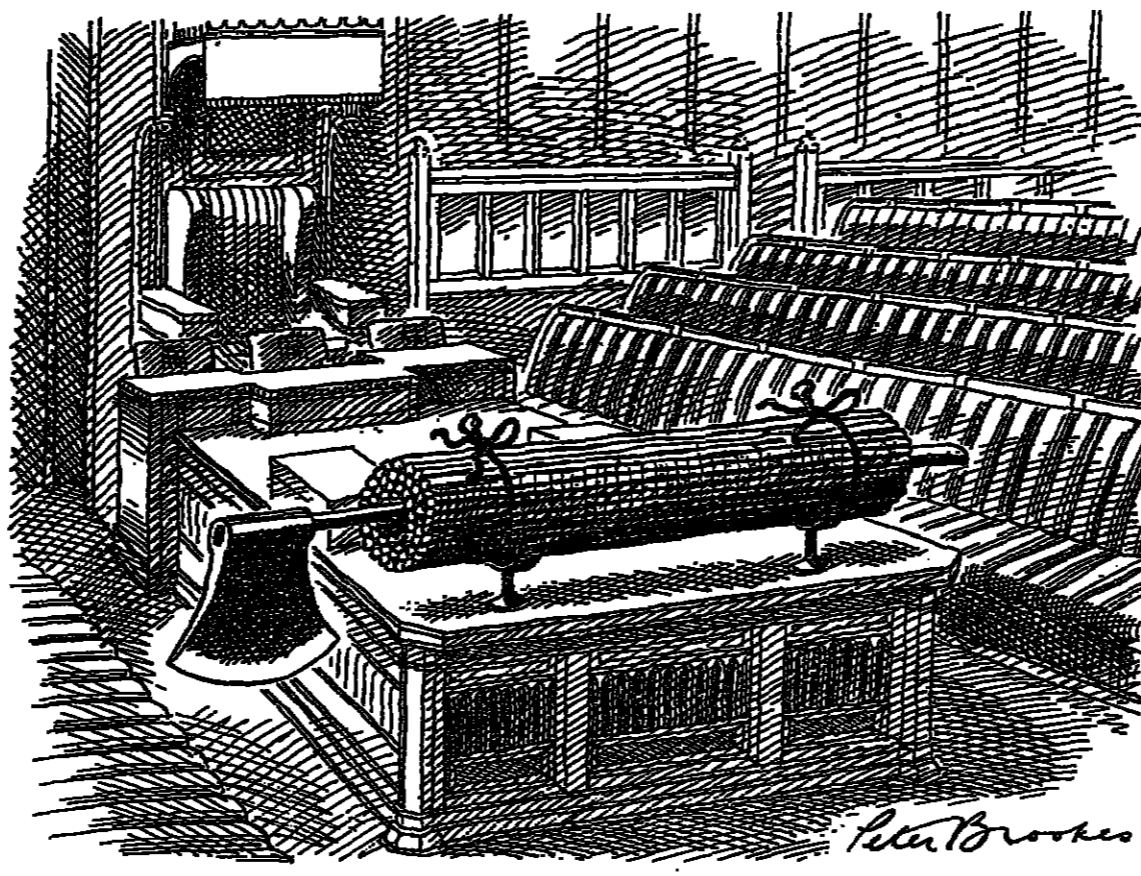
This spring the most persistent El Niño in a century has caused storms in Texas, tornados in California, persistent rain in Paris and floods in West Germany. The world has rarely been so wet; prudent people can hardly be blamed for thinking about ark.

After a six-fathom-deep back-to-back season with the anchovy expert at the CIA, I predict (10 years ago that the use of electronic fish-finders by greedy Latin fishermen in the face of El Niño would lead to decimation of the catch, a worldwide protein shortage and an explosion of inflation. Since all this came to pass, the pundit on top of the El Niño story intends to stay there.

Who or what is behind El Niño's rampage? Round up the usual suspects: 1. Right-wing Peruvian fishing interests. This theory doesn't hold water. Fishermen have learned not to tamper with El Niño but to accept its periodic recession as a healthy corrective to times of abundance. Would that economists could learn so quickly. 2. The Russians. Certainly the motive is present. Marxist-Leninists have much to gain from economic dislocation throughout the world, and revolution breeds out where the skies are cloudy all day. Could not a technocracy capable of shipping the gas of Siberia to the kitchens of Europe also be able to divert one ocean current?

Bernard Levin on the strategy of Labour's new hard men

Don't laugh too soon, the fascist left is just biding its time



not in the business of serving the voters. Their business is something very different: it is the garnering of power. And the more they acquire, the easier it becomes for them to acquire still more.

It could not be supposed that the fascist left would long remain unrepresented in Parliament. What ever happened in this election, a substantial number of Labour MPs who have no regard for parliamentary democracy will have been returned. Some analysts have said that they will constitute a majority of the PLP; this seems to me very unlikely, though if their genuinely democratic colleagues prove to be as cowardly as their counterparts on the GLC, that will hardly matter.

Others say that if there is a Conservative government with a large majority there is nothing democracy's enemies in Parliament can do. Such people are a minority among the Labour group on the GLC; but their feeble opponents among the majority have made only one attempt to challenge or check them (over Mr Ken Livingstone's attempt to invite the IRA to send representatives to London). Exactly the same situation exists in Sheffield, and now in Liverpool too; a number of local councils are similarly controlled, most notable among them the London Borough of Islington.

The conduct of these people is characterized by their contempt for the rights of the opposition parties. An attitude which is always one of the most reliable indicators of the totalitarian mind. Mrs Anne Sofer, the only SDP member of the GLC, has described on this page the way in which the rulers of the GLC contrive to prevent any examination of their looting of the public purse for distribution in donations to their supporters and potential supporters; the intimidation experienced by the only opposition member of Islington council would long ago have destroyed a less resilient man; in Sheffield the controlling group has gone far towards turning the city into something scarcely distinguishable from a Soviet city.

As powerful as the contempt for opposition is the contempt for the people - the other infallible test of the anti-democratic attitude. The groups which control the local authorities I have mentioned do not believe that any but a handful of voters want the policies they pursue; but they pursue them with relentless assiduity none the less. For they are

THE TIMES DIARY

Footnotism

I do not suppose for a moment that Michael Foot intends to immortalize Norman Tebbit, but at yesterday morning's press conference the Labour leader began speaking with alarming regularity of "Tebbitism". He did not specify the nature of this quality, other than saying that if the Tories were to be elected tomorrow, Britain would become "an ugly, uncaring, Tebbitite society". Later he even referred to "Tebbitism/bachelorism". It does not have quite the ring of Buskellism, or even Marxism/Leninism, but I suppose one can get used to anything.

Signing off

When I embarked on this anagram business, I never expected such copious assistance from my readers. I am positively my last attempt to rearrange our politicians. The difficult Michael Heseltine becomes, thanks to Margaret Barclay of Brussels, either "Eee, I'm in Heath's cell", or "En! Silence the Mall?". Denis Healey's convoluted plea to his constituents "Ah, we in Leeds!", while the Labour leader shouts from his lonely perch: "Hil Come aloft!" To which David Owen retorts: "A dive down". Gerry Finkle, of Barnet, delivers Francis Pym as "fancy prism". Roy Hattersley as "rat role, yet shy" and Bill Rodgers a "bridge rolls". From tomorrow I shall return to spelling names correctly and leave the fancy stuff to the crossword compilers.

My prize for the most unstaged element of the campaign goes to the London Borough of Barking, where a by-election is being held today.

Of course

When vote-counting starts at Portsmouth South, David Fry (Traditional English Food and Good Life Party), my last free-thinking candidate, will already be tucking into his victory dinner. This will include venison broth, sprats in cream and mustard sauce, and sirloin of beef in pastry with game sauce. Fry's manifesto claims that we would all feel better and the economy would improve if we ate good traditional English food. He pledges that his appetite will continue undiminished, no matter how bad the overall result.



Rising stock

This has not been the easiest of times for Sir Robin Day. First the Prime Minister removes his knighthood, then he receives the London Dungeon's Pillory Award for the personality which his visitors would most like to see in the stocks and pelied with rotten eggs. Day narrowly beat Joan Collins and Michael Parkinson for the honour, previously held by Des O'Connor and Barbara Cartland. But Mrs Thatcher has made amends for her slip on the last Election Call the day she addressed him.

Timber!

The Prince of Wales, Peter Jay and David Bellamy, among others, joined forces yesterday to launch the Conservation and Development Programme for the UK. Subtitled "A response to the World Conservation Strategy", it occupies two volumes, totalling 600 pages, and is perhaps 50 times as long as the document to which it is responding, which aborts us not to cut down too many trees and the like. The World Conservation Strategy has arrived at this office, isn't that a bit of a waste, especially at £22.90 a set, and not even on recycled paper? "It reflects the very high esteem in which we hold *The Times*," says a quick-thinking conservationist.

As a junior secretary for Northern Ireland, David Mitchell is no stranger to the physical dangers of politics, but he had never, until this week, regarded North West Hampshire as an area of high risk. For 19 years as a Conservative MP, Mitchell has been canvassing zealously in his constituency - almost too zealously. One door was opened by an attractive young woman, and they are joined on the doorstep by a head settler, to whom the candidate addressed the following remarks: "Aren't you lovely. Aren't you gorgeous. I'd love to take you home with me." The husband, whom Mitchell describes as robust, was out of sight but not out of earshot and was offering to his wife Mitchell's first try. Mitchell's very eyes are even expecting the couple's PHS

Trying the Scargill muzzle for size

The press and the election: Christopher Ward looks for a pattern in Fleet Street's spate of union disruption

Now that the election is all over bar the voting, I hope that Fleet Street will be taking a look at the sinister and significant events that have taken place on its own doorstep during the campaign: namely, the attempts by the unions, with some success, to interfere with the freedom of the press.

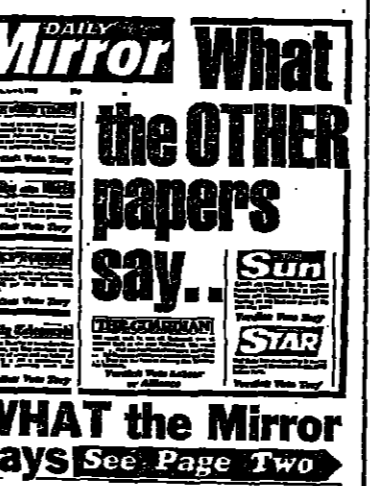
The first attempt to strangulate an editor was made by members of the National Union of Journalists chapel (branch office at the *Daily Mail*), who protested at the paper's one-sided coverage of the campaign and called on the editor, Sir David English, to correct the imbalance. Judging by subsequent issues of the *Mail*, this protest was entirely unsuccessful. But on Saturday night more than 200,000 copies of *The Observer* were lost when the editor, Donald Trefford, refused members of the National Graphical Association the right of reply to a Conservative Party advertisement. As *The Observer* is one of the few national newspapers to support the Labour Party, one wonders what the printers hoped to achieve by keeping the paper off the streets.



election campaign by an NGA walk-out over a pay dispute. Since the FT is one of the few politically independent newspapers and had been taking a particularly unfriendly view of the Government, it is hard to see the political thinking behind the printers' action. But in the climate of this industrial censorship, Arthur Scargill's remarks that "legislation to take newspapers... into state ownership should take priority above all else for any future Labour government" ought to be treated by Fleet Street as a serious threat to editorial freedom.



banter headline. Why? The *Star's* editor, Lloyd Turner, went to enormous lengths to explain why and how his newspaper had come to this difficult decision. "The Labour Party has changed... We believe a change of direction at this time could be potentially catastrophic... this newspaper believes in firm, clear leadership... like it or not, there is only one leader REALLY in charge of a political party, a political philosophy, in Britain today. That person is Margaret Thatcher." But didn't the *Daily Star* know all this before the election?



class no longer speaks for its workers... "Something eerie about this general election; something not quite real," said a *Mail* leader earlier this week. What's eerie about it is that unlike most elections, we all know, or think we know, what the outcome of this one is going to be, thanks to the unprecedented number of polls that have been conducted. As a result newspapers are beginning to repeat themselves: "There's no stopping her now," read the *Mail's* banner headline on Monday. Yesterday, sounding tired and slightly bored, it announced "It's still Maggie by a mile."



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RENEWAL

Decisive changes in history are generally attributed to external causes. In reality most changes in external circumstances arise as the culmination of a long process occurring gradually within the unconscious minds of individuals.

to nourish and sustain each person's individualism. That healthiness comes about through a public and private capacity for self-criticism. For the last three weeks we have seen and heard much discord.

lated in a three week election campaign culminating in a vote. Yet that is where a serious question arises. Predicting the result of a three-way contest in a first-past-the-post election is foolhardy, for the relationship between the parties' final share of votes and seats will be very distorted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Profit and loss at the polls

From Lord Harlech and others Sir, Now it is all over but the voting. Yet that is where a serious question arises. Predicting the result of a three-way contest in a first-past-the-post election is foolhardy, for the relationship between the parties' final share of votes and seats will be very distorted.

Moral priorities on nuclear defence

From the Bishop of Winchester Sir, I am grateful to Professor John H. Humphrey and others (June 3) for their forthright declaration that the question of Britain's defence policy transcends all other issues in this election and ought to transcend party politics.

THE GREENING OF BRITAIN

Buffeted and benumbed with manifestos, the public might feel entitled to hope that election eve should be left free to give time for quiet rumination over the clamour of recent weeks and preparation for its consummation today.

remote from the everyday - such as unilateralism, land nationalisation, world-wide birth-control promotions, and a line on animal rights which claims "uncompromising radicalism" while finding room for appeasement of the voter with rod and line.

are drawn, the easier it is to command assent, and vice versa. A glance at its list of summarised conclusions might lead the reader to think that its quangoistic origins had imposed a bland readiness to be all things to all men.

Military degree

From Mr Duncan H. Robinson Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh (report, June 3) is not the first Prince Consort to take up the idea of a military degree: it was a subject considered by Prince Albert 120 years ago!

Where orchids flourish

From Dr A. S. Thomas Sir, Botanists will be delighted that the Nature Conservancy is taking steps to protect some of our less common orchids (report, May 19). But it must be remembered that rabbits are a greater menace to these beautiful and interesting plants than are humans.

On remand in London

From Mr S. P. B. Sheridan Sir, Today at Hendon Magistrates' Court I represented a defendant charged with criminal offences, he having been on remand in custody for several months, awaiting commitment to the crown court, which should occur at the end of June.

Rampant rape

From Mr Phillip Oliver Sir, Re your leader in The Times of May 30, "Rape of the countryside", as you say in your last paragraph the crop is much favoured by the bee and honey bees will at times travel four to five miles to it. Unfortunately, however, the bee suffers from what you call this pestidial mania and sometimes very severely as growers, panicked perhaps by the forecasts of doom and disaster from the representatives of some of the chemical giants, anoint the flowering crop with some form of organophosphorus and this in spite of the assertions of eminent agricultural and entomological advisers that it is hardly ever necessary to treat autumn-sown crops of oilseed rape (ie, those in flower now) with insecticides.

Compulsory insurance

From Mr Michael Harvey, QC Sir, Mr David Hancock expresses the hope (June 3) that the next Parliament will address itself to devising a suitable scheme for compulsory public liability insurance.

Hedge against loss

From Mr P. J. Angier Sir, Not for the first time, it has been implied in your columns that the processes of hedge-laying and trimming are mutually exclusive (letter, June 3). This is not so.

Real tombstones

From Mr Christopher Stell Sir, The Reverend Christopher Marshall's campaign for real tombstones (report, May 30) will be welcomed by all who have a feeling for the quality of our churchyard memorials. Perhaps he might be encouraged to extend his campaign to real churchyards with monuments no longer regimented or flattened and where James Hervey's Meditations may still be "among the Tombs" rather than pastures created by equally verdant improvers.

Volcanoes and weather

From Dr Basil Gomez Sir, In answer to Dr and Mrs Richard Ward's query (June 3) concerning the existence of meteorological records of weather conditions prevailing in western Europe immediately after 1824, I should like to point out that the Radcliffe Meteorological Station, Oxford, has maintained a continuous meteorological record since 1815.

View from No 10

From Mrs C. J. H. Wright Sir, Sir Fife Clark, in his recollections of the arrangements for the television of the Coronation, has said, in your paper (report, May 30) and on the BBC PM programme, that at the time there was no television set at 10 Downing Street.

Wayward water

From Dr Magnus Pyke Sir, Professor John Lourie (May 30) is mistaken in his belief that his observation of water running clockwise down one plug-hole and anticlockwise down another in his house in Port Moresby implies that the conclusion that the Coriolis forces influence the direction of the vortex in the northern and the southern hemispheres is a myth. He has merely demonstrated that a kitchen sink is an unsatisfactory measuring instrument with which to detect, at 11° south, so subtle a phenomenon.

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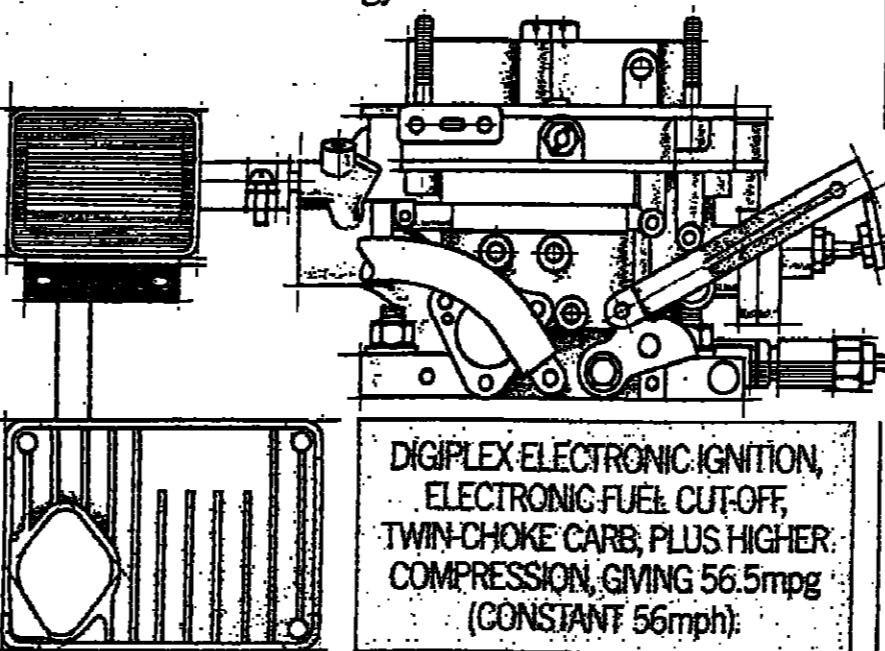
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Investment and Finance

City Editor Anthony Hilton

WALL STREET

Dow slips in heavy trading

New York (AP)—Dow Jones... Stocks recovered from early lows in heavy trading yesterday.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 714.7 up 4.4... FT GBs: 82.28 down 0.28

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5700 down 20pts... DM 4.03 down 0.0075

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Base rates 10... 3 month interbank 10 1/8-10

PRICE CHANGES

Bassett Int. 16x2p... FMC 52p x 8p... Hambros (22) £10 x £1

TODAY

Interim: Comet, Sidlaw... Finalist: John Beales, Assoc Co's

POUND ABROAD

Table with columns for Bank, Buy, Sell and various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

NOTEBOOK

Britain's financial markets have been buoyant in anticipation of a Conservative victory at the polls.

BTR attacks insurance groups for backing Tilling board

By Our Financial Staff Sir Patrick Meaney, Thomas Tilling's chief executive, will meet his bankers this morning to decide whether to recommend the £660m takeover bid from BTR.



Losier Meaney: prophetic message

To the manor born In a message to staff worldwide this year - in fields as mundane as plumber's merchandising and probably more

Cornhill 'not for sale'

Cornhill Insurance, which Thomas Tilling had said it would sell for at least £150m, will not be disposed of, BTR said shortly after gaining control of Tilling.



Winner Green: hard-driving Spartan at the top

Silvertown House faces the world from Vincent Square, London, SW1, with 14 windows that are borings-square and six white columns at the front.

P & O will answer Trafalgar queries

Shareholders in P & O have been promised answers at today's annual meeting to a series of questions about the group's performance contained in a letter from Mr Nigel Brookes, chairman of Trafalgar House.

Lonrho puts pressure on Fraser

Lonrho last night threatened to create thousands of new shareholders in House of Fraser by breaking up its 30 per cent stake in that company into small parcels.

Election hopes lift shares to record

Shares hit a record high yesterday as overseas investors scrambled to buy stocks ahead of today's poll, in the confident expectation that a Conservative victory would give a further boost to the equity market.

Hill Samuel doubles staff profit-sharing

Hill Samuel has more than doubled to £7.6m the sum set aside for staff profit-sharing on the back of another big rise in profits.

Hill Samuel Group

Profits after taxation increased by 26 per cent. Fully diluted earnings per share increased by 23 per cent. A 14 per cent. increase in dividends to 9.1p net per share is recommended.

Table showing financial results: Disclosed profit after taxation, Disclosed earnings per share, etc.

Tighter bank controls agreed

Tighter supervision of international banks including measures to prevent a recurrence of some of the problems arising from last year's collapse of Banco Ambrosiano are revealed in a revised version of the Basle Concordat.

"I believe that, having regard to conditions in their respective markets, all our divisions performed well."

"We have had a good year. We have now shown substantial growth in profits in each of the last three years and this makes the achievement of continuing improvement all the more challenging."

City Comment A healthy queue in the City

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the present stock market boom is that companies are taking the opportunity to raise large amounts of cash by rights issues. Indeed, the normal rights issue queue maintained informally by the Bank of England is now pretty full for three months.



APPOINTMENTS

New post for Plessey chairman

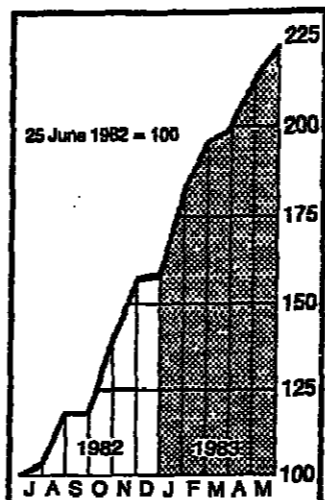
Sir John Clark, chairman of The Plessey Company, has joined the board of Plessey Telecommunications & Office Systems (PTOSL) and succeeds Mr P. I. Marshall as chairman of PTOSL. Mr Marshall, a deputy chief executive and the finance director of Plessey, remains on the PTOSL board and joins the board to Plessey Electronics Systems.

Government follows US lead with £16m investment, Clive Cookson reports

Biotechnology begins to flower

Biotechnology in Britain is moving into a phase of renewed activity and industrial interest, after a quiet and rather gloomy year when all the action seemed to be on the other side of the Atlantic.

Table with 5 columns: 12-Month high, 12-Month low, Company, Close 27 May, Bid Offer Yield. Lists various biotech stocks like A. B. Fortia (Sweden), Biogen (USA), Bio-Logicals (Canada), etc.



The index is compiled for Nature on the last Friday of every month by E. F. Hutton, Inc. It shows that biotechnology stocks have outperformed the general bull market on Wall Street over the past year, as the companies have recovered from the loss of confidence that affected the sector a year ago.

But the most important new venture scheduled to start in Britain is the provisionally-named Agricultural Genetics Company (AGC), to which the British Technology Group, Ultramar and Advent Capital have pledged £5m each.

1,300 British firms approach DoI for information

The less favourable aspects of the British climate for biotechnology. First, the Government and BTG found great difficulty in attracting promises of investment from private industry.

the glamorous protein which helps the body fight infections and tumours. Ninety-six per cent of the anti-interferon is sold abroad - an export success for Celtech, but also a sign of weakness in the British biotechnology industry.

The first Celtech products on the market are so-called monoclonal antibodies - pure antibodies which latch on to one specific antigen. They are made by the technique of cell hybridization discovered in 1976 by Dr Cesar Milstein at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge.

Celtech's commercial expertise is untested

Unfortunately, no one at the MRC recognized the immense commercial value of monoclonal antibodies in time to patent the discovery, so scores of American biotechnology companies are gleefully exploiting it too.

Economic notebook Hypocrisy and the other CAP

Just three days before the Williamsburg summit, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders agreed another extension of its "prudent marketing" agreement with Japan's motor industry. Naturally, it has nothing to do with government. Nor are there too many figures on paper, just in case the EEC competition director becomes emotional about this otherwise flagrant cartel deal to impose a quota below 11 per cent.

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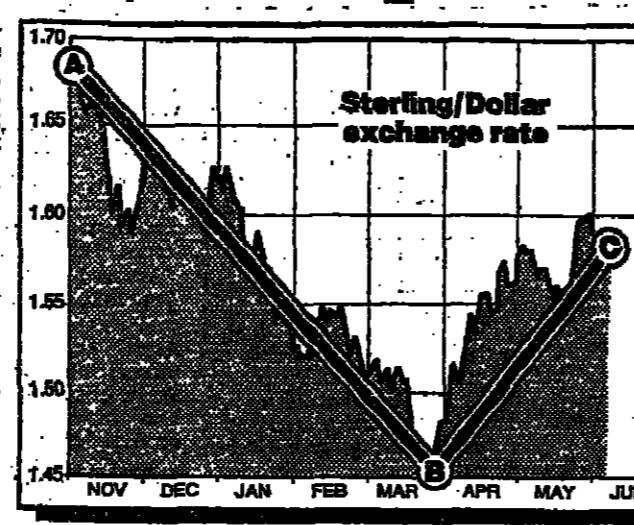
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Westland doubles earnings

By John Lawless
Even the arrival of three rival Bristol helicopters yesterday could not dampen the spirits of Sir David Arlington, the Westland chairman.
The helicopters ferried the press corps to the Isle of Wight base of British Hovercraft for a visit by Mrs Thatcher...

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sandy McLachlan
Pound set on upward course

When Mrs Thatcher submitted to the test of the electorate four years ago, on May 3, 1979, the pound's average value on its currency basket index was, at \$6.3, within 1 percentage point of its value today.
For 20 months it did not look back, soaring by 20 per cent before plunging to its low in March, only to rebound in the last couple of months to present levels.



for gilts and, initially perhaps for equities. There are however question marks that should be raised on a longer term appreciation.
The data stream chart shows the sterling/dollar movement over the last seven months, indicating sterling's 14.8 per cent fall between November and the end of March...

points over the summer, in the confident expectation that the pound will remain buoyant.
The future course of United States interest rates remains a cloud on the horizon for both sterling and gilts. But the general feeling is that the US authorities will not wish to see any significant rise in rates, which would dampen recovery at home.
A Conservative victory is therefore bound to make sterling stronger, and the higher the margin of seats achieved by Mrs Thatcher the better the pound is likely to perform against both the dollar and the basket of currencies which produces the weighted average.
That will therefore be good

Improved profits at Pegler

By Jonathan Clark
Pegler-Hattersley
Year to 24.83
Pretax profit £17.8m (£16.2m)
Stated earnings \$3.6p (\$2.5p)
Turnover £148.2m (£120.2m)
Net total dividend 11.85p (10.75p)
Share price 298p, up 3p
Yield 6.7%

Sustained demand in the second half for products like iron and bronze valves helped Pegler-Hattersley, the Doncaster plumbing parts maker, turn in profits of £17.8m, much better than expected, against £16.2m last year.
The improvement came despite few signs of recovery for its steel valves where demand is largely tied to the chemical and oil industries. The second half was also helped by appreciation in the value of metal stocks which wiped out a first half metals loss and helped offset lower investment income as interest rates fell.
All the group's manufacturing interests did better. Building products were helped by more housing starts and more renovation and repair work by local authorities.
Margins are still under pressure, the result of import penetration in the UK and increased competition in export markets, especially from the Far East. However, there has been a modest improvement in margins compared with a year ago and the slight momentum has continued into the current year.

Does one remarkable coincidence herald another? There are those in the City who predict that within a few weeks of today's expected Conservative election victory sterling will be topping \$1.60 as investors, especially those overseas, pile into Government stocks.
They argue that not only will the pound survive profit-taking immediately after the victory is confirmed, but will gain a new strength as more cautious investors, unwilling to commit funds before the result was known, decide to plump for gilts.
Sterling certainly has a lot going for it. Interest rates are high by European standards, oil prices have firmness and the risk of substantial weakening has receded, while Mrs Thatcher's commitment to "firm" money policies to curb inflation inspires confidence, especially abroad.
Gilts, too, are generally expected to make further gains after the election, despite fears

in some quarters that the Government plans to tighten policies to dampen excessive monetary growth and public spending. These fears can probably be discounted.
The strength of sterling means that interest rates are much more likely to come down than go up.
At the same time, the continuing competitive squeeze on companies exerted by the high pound will maintain the downward pressure on inflation. The prospect of lower interest rates combined with lower inflation in the longer run must be good for gilts.
Several brokers are predicting cuts in bank base rates of between 1 to 2 percentage

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF
Amec
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit, £17.8m (£16.2m)
Stated earnings, 28.4p (21.5p)
Turnover, £263.5m (£245.8m)
Net dividend, 9.0p (8.5p)
Bulmer & Lamb (Holdings)
Year to 30.3.83
Pretax profit, £15,000 (£572,000)
Stated earnings, 2.04p (5.54p)
Turnover, £29,528m (£27,588m)
Net dividend, 3.82p (3.82p)
James Burroughs
Year to 28.2.83
Pretax profit, £5,056m (£3,522m)
Stated earnings, 18.1p (13.7p)
Turnover, £46.1m (£38.87m)
Net dividend, 8.0p (7.7p)

Buoyant Whitlock boosts LCP
By Jeremy Warner
LCP Holdings
Year to 31.83
Pretax profit £4.15m (£2.08m)
Stated earnings 4.4p (1.4p)
Turnover £277.46m (£233.24m)
Net final dividend 1.8p making 3.8p (same)
Share price 72p, down 5p
Aid 7.12.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
To the Holders of
Government of New Zealand
Twenty Year 5 1/2% Bonds due July 1, 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Bonds of the above-described issue, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Fiscal Agent, has drawn by lot for redemption on July 1, 1983 at 100% of the principal amount thereof through operation of the Sinking Fund, \$1,028,000 principal amount of said Twenty Year 5 1/2% Bonds due July 1, 1985 bearing the following distinctive numbers:

COMMODITIES
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
High grade copper 1009.70
Three month 1088.80-89
Copper 1095.70
Three month 1081.80-82
Copper 1081.80
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GenFinance NV
Incorporated with limited liability in The Netherlands and established in Amsterdam
Placing of
£7,250,000 11.45 per cent Loan Stock 2007
Guaranteed on a subordinated basis as to payment of principal and interest by
Société Générale de Banque SA
Incorporated with limited liability in Belgium
Issue Price £100 per cent.

Caparo Industries Plc
(Registered in England—No. 630475)
Issue of up to 3,834,963 of 8 3/4 per cent.
Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference
Shares of £1 each.
This advertisement appears in connection with the issue of up to 3,834,963 nominal of 8 3/4 per cent. Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each ("Convertible Shares") pursuant to an offer by Caparo Industries Plc to acquire all the share capital of Barton Group PLC. The Convertible Shares have been admitted to the Official List by the Council of The Stock Exchange.
Particulars relating to the Convertible Shares are available in the Exet Statistical Services and may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding Saturdays and public holidays) up to and including 23rd June 1983 from:

ASEA AKTIEBOLAG
Issued Share Capital
Shares of SEK 50 SEK 1,968,750,000
Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange in London for the new shares of Series B to be admitted to the Official List. The new shares of Series B have been issued following a Capitalisation Issue to shareholders on the basis of every 5 old shares held (all old shares are of Series A) - 4 new shares of Series A and 1 new share of Series B. Copies of the circular to shareholders may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturday and public holidays excepted) up to and including 23rd June, 1983 from:-
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Walter Bull sells assets
Northern Goldsmiths has agreed to buy the leasehold interest in Ship Street, Brighton, together with the jeweller's business carried on there by Walter Bull and Son (Bishopsgate).
The assets, bought for £100,000 cash, are the leasehold interest in the premises, the goodwill of the jeweller's business and the fixtures, fittings and trade equipment.
Northern Goldsmiths has also bought the right to use the name Walter Bull at the firm's shops at Ship Street and South Street, Worthing.

Base Lending Rates
ABN Bank 10%
Barclays 10%
BCCI 10%
Consolidated Crds 10%
C. Hoare & Co 10%
Lloyds Bank 10%
Midland Bank 10%
Nat Westminster 10%
TSB 10%
Williams & Glyn's 10%

Lynton Holdings PLC
Rental Income £3.1 million
Distributable Profit £929,000
Earnings per share 9.35p
Dividends per share 4.75p - up 25%
Surplus on Revaluation £5.8 million
Properties over £46 million
Net Assets per share 364p - up 23%

Marion International Finance N.V.
5% CONVERTIBLE SUBORDINATED GUARANTEED DEBENTURES DUE 1985
NOTICE TO THE HOLDERS OF
Bank of Montreal Trust Company, as Trustee ("the Trustee"), under an Indenture dated as of October 1, 1980 among Marion International Finance N.V. ("the Company"), Marlon Corporation ("the Guarantor") and the Trustee pursuant to which the 5% Convertible Subordinated Guaranteed Debentures Due 1985 were issued, is giving this notice in compliance with the requirement contained in the Indenture that the Trustee shall by publication give notice of defaults under the Indenture known to the Trustee.

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The longer the flight, the more the details matter.
JAPAN AIR LINES

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Bid talk lifts Brown

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, June 6; Dealings end, June 17; Contango Day, June 20; Settlement Day, June 21.

Help could soon be on the way for John Brown, the troubled engineering group, and once driving force of British industry.

Yesterday the shares recovered an early fall to close 2p on the day at 26p amid growing speculation that Hawker Siddeley, with more than £200m in the bank, may be about to swoop. At last night's close John Brown was valued at £34m or 100 per cent of shareholder's funds.

If Hawker decides against a full scale bid, it might try to persuade John Brown to part with its lucrative gas turbine business, which last year made profits of £1.8m, but is capable of nearer £7m profit.

John Brown is expected to reveal losses of around £9.4m in the current year, against a profit last year of £14.2m. Sir John Mayhew Sanders, chairman at John Brown, has already told institutions that his main aim this year is to reduce gearing.

Analysts reckon on a possible capital reconstruction. But the matter may soon be taken out of Sir John's hands. Also waiting in the wings is General Electric of the United States.

The market has high hopes for Hazlewood Foods, the pickles group, where the shares rose 3p to 43 1/2p for a two day gain of 15p. Full year figures next week should see profits up from £1.4m to more than £2m. The group often tipped as a takeover candidate may soon take the decision to hit the acquisition trail itself.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed another active day with equities soaring to new heights in the belief that a Conservative landslide victory was almost a certainty in today's General Election. The FT index ended the day 4.4 up at record 714.7.

under whose specifications John Brown builds its turbines. Last night Sir John and his board were unavailable for comment, while Hawker says it never comments on market rumours.

helped by strong Continental support.

Many overseas investors feel the London stock market represents good value for money if the Conservatives are returned to power with a healthy majority, as share prices have lagged behind the rest of the world's leading markets.

Glits spent a quiet day after their recent strong gains, partly reflecting sterling's setback on the foreign exchange. By the close, longs showed scattered falls of up to 2 1/2p, while shorts were barely changed.

The high staked came in for renewed support following a bullish brokers circular from Greenwell who are looking for a recovery in profits from £1,501m to £1,772m from the "big four".

A further improvement in profits is also expected in 1984. News of the circular lifted Barclays 5p to 49 1/2p, Lloyds 5p to 56 1/2p, Midland 7p to 42p, and National Westminster 10p to 63p.

Shares of FMC returned from suspension 6p higher at 52p after announcing it was in talks with a private company, thought to be Hillsdown Holdings.

Expect news of buoyant trading at London & Continental Advertising from Mr John Goffer, chairman, at today's annual meeting. Yesterday, the shares rose 1p to 33p on the USM, but the proposed restructuring of the shares is expected to increase the group's marketability.

But both sides have failed to agree a price.

Mr Harry Goodman's Intasun holiday company has not included North America in its winter season brochure this year for the first time since 1980.

Intasun came to the market - initially the Unlisted Securities Market - making much of the strength of its business in Miami. But a statement from Mr Sidney Perez, the chairman, that it intended to increase its winter business overall by 50 per cent this year sent the shares up 3p to 154p. Five per cent will be market growth, with 45 per cent taken from competing companies.

This move pre-empted a proposed sell-off by the National Farmers Union of its 75 per cent stake in the company to pay off debts approaching £4m. The sale of 10 million shares has now been postponed for a month.

Shares of Jimmy Gulliver's Argyle Foods were a strong market climber 9p to 138p ahead of figures out next week. The market is looking for profits of around £23m.

Making its debut on the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of Cifer, the computer terminal manufacturer, made a bright start. The shares, offered by way of tender at 115p, closed 16p higher, at 131p. But another member of the USA, M&A Smith & Harvey, the building contractor, held steady at 175p. A big buyer of the shares at 160p was reported in the market earlier this week.

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

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Money Market Rates

Table showing Money Market Rates including clearing rates, discount rates, and overnight rates.

Other Markets

Table showing Other Markets including Australia, Hong Kong, and various international markets.

Dollar Spot Rates

Table showing Dollar Spot Rates for various countries like Canada, Mexico, and others.

Euro-\$ Deposits

Table showing Euro-\$ Deposits for various banks and terms.

Investment Trusts

Table showing Investment Trusts including Alliance, Anglo, and other trusts.

Insurance

Table showing Insurance rates for various policies and companies.

KUBBER

Table showing KUBBER prices for various types of rubber.

TEA

Table showing TEA prices for various grades and origins.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table showing MISCELLANEOUS items like gold, silver, and other commodities.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table showing UNLISTED SECURITIES including various private companies.

RECENT ISSUES

Table showing RECENT ISSUES of new securities.

1982-83 High Stock

Table showing 1982-83 High Stock performance for various companies.

WALL STREET

CSX merger could start bidding war

New York (NYT) - In a move that could touch off a bidding war, the CSX Corporation, the United States biggest railroad company, announced on Tuesday that it had agreed to merge with the Texas Gas and Resoups Corporation in a cash-and-stock deal approaching \$984m (\$425m).

Only 40 hours earlier, the coastal Corporation made a surprise takeover bid for Texas Gas, offering to pay \$45 a share, prompting the company to speed up merger talks with CSX.

Table with columns: Date, Price, Change, Volume, etc. for various stocks.

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Table with columns: High, Low, Open, Close, etc. for various commodities and currencies.

Prices now available on Prestel, page 48146

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(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) INTERIM REPORT Six months ended 31.3.83 (R0000) 31.3.82

John Woodcock previews the Prudential World Cup Battle should be fun - weather permitting

The third Prudential World Cup begins today with matches at the Oval, Swansea, Trent Bridge and Old Trafford. Given anything like reasonable weather it should all be great fun.



Lloyd; a striking leader for the champions

It has become a question of which batsman they leave out, rather than which to put in, which is healthy. Peter May, the England manager, will have left his team in no doubt what he expects of them.

England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, New Zealand must have a fine chance of qualifying for the semi-finals. On Tuesday they were 12-1 with the Tote, which looked the best bet on the list.

For a final, either now or in Australia next winter, before giving the South Africans a last look at his great talent.

England players will be allowed to write newspaper articles on the Prudential World Cup. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) had originally banned this, but yesterday a compromise was agreed.

Marcus Williams looks at World Cup forerunners and the form of participating nations

From 1912 flop to the failed Test that began one-day success

The first international cricket contest to involve more than two countries was the ill-fated Triangular Tournament of 1912 in England. The competition, which had been proposed by the South African businessman, Sir Abe Bailey, and was originally planned for 1909, embraced the three Test-playing nations, England, Australia and South Africa.

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ROWING Munich too far for squad to go for nothing

The British men's squad have cancelled a trip to an overseas international regatta for the second time this season. A month ago Vicky was abandoned because the river was in flood; the Munich international this weekend will not be attended by the British as there is no worthwhile opposition.

RUGBY UNION Lions get hiccups and make a meal of things

move of any classical conception, with Rutherford looping through a gap and putting Carleton clear from long range. The other two were merely finishing blindingly.

EQUESTRIANISM British riders in Paris with revenge motive

With only two more Nations Cup meetings before the European championships in July, most of the countries at the first of these, the Paris meeting which starts today, are fielding their strongest teams.

The South African issue

Non-whites who oppose the political gambit of sporting isolation

DAVID MILLER

Frank van der Horst is a civil engineer living in a comfortable house with a superb view on the side of a hill in a Coloured residential area overlooking Cape Town...

doing nothing about it: The English-based '82 soccer tour aborted because we hadn't ensured a solidarity of sentiment...

Abbreviations

- SACOS: Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (non-white). SACOWA: South African Council on Sport (Coloured).

Glossary

- Non-racial: non-white term for free non-white; white term for blacks, Asians and Coloureds.

Joe Panensky, who succeeded to the post of Rashid Varich as president of the non-racial cricket governing body, echoes this: "If Howa could pull a lever now, and prevent all sporting integration, he would be doing a disservice to the players he supposedly represents..."

Blanche Neige, my selection for the Kingsclere Stakes has an abundance of fast blood in her veins, derived from both sides of the family...

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Coughing affects 60 in Hern stable

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Coughing looks like disrupting Dick Hern's plans seriously in the near future. After watching Orizo run away with the Henbury Stakes at Newbury yesterday, the master of West Rise said that the number affected there had risen from 20 on Saturday to 60 out of a total of 90.

Geoff Lewis, another trainer on a crest, won the Berkshire Stakes, the other race for two-year-olds, with Turn And Fly but only after a ding-dong battle with the Derby winner, Milford. It will be interesting to see how Turn and Fly takes this hard race because he gave a lifelike imitation of a nervous wreck in the paddock before the race...

Janus busy while his form is good

By Michael Phillips

Janus can follow up his runaway victory in the Northern Dancer Stakes at Epsom last Friday by winning the Newbury Summer Cup at this afternoon's meeting...

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RACING: PROSPECTS AT NEWBURY: PROBLEMS FOR ROYAL ASCOT

Dunbeath, leaving Diesis on the sidelines waiting for something like the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin, the county's leading owner under National Hunt rules for the past two seasons, will be forced to be reconciled with the fact that his involvement continues as well as it began yesterday, when Follow Me waltzed away with the Islay Maiden Stakes in the hands of Lester Piggott.

Follow Me follows is the first runner that the Sheikh has bred on his stud in Scotland, and this could hardly have been a better start to his new operation. Having missed the break from the stalls she was not remotely inconvenienced, gliding through her field as only a good filly could have done, to win by four lengths with Piggott sitting motionless.

Draw advantage: High numbers best. 2.15 BRANTHAM STAKES (2-y-o selling; ESTVS: 50) (13 runners)

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Newbury selections By Michael Phillips 2.0 Tower Wm 2.30 Basman. 3.0 Janus. 3.30 Blanche Neige. 4.0 Moon Jester. 4.20 Amara.

Beverly selections By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Fairmile Gambler. 2.45 Curoc. 3.15 Maajid. 3.45 Noble Gift. 4.15 Nobilissimo. 4.45 April Memories.

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Contel refused a new licence

Downing no danger

Americans sail into contention

Lighter conditions brought some new crews into the reckoning for the 470 World Series at Weymouth yesterday. Peter Minin and Kevin Bunker Hunt were the first United States crew to show what they can do, winning by a wide margin from the von Kostul brothers of Finland.

Ban makes Mrs Hast join professional ranks

Finished with a credible 77, four over par. The leader on the first day was Dale Reid, 56 4in Scot who is still two clubs longer than most of her fellow competitors. Fortunately for them, her putting does not measure up to her long game. Thus three points on the first off a superb seven-iron to the long second (440 yards), but she stole ahead of the card with a wedge to two feet at the third; another to 20ft, at the under 18th kept her there on 77, one under.

US tour rules out Ballesteros

Harrison, New York (AP) - A request by Severiano Ballesteros for the minimum appearance rules to be waived so that he could play on the U.S. tour has been turned down by the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) commissioner, Deane Beman.

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Edited by Peter Davalle

BBC 1

00 Coefax AM News headlines and traffic, weather and sports information, available even if you do not have a teletext set.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: Includes News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; Guest of the day (George Melly) at 6.30; Today's Papers at 7.05; Competition at 7.25 and 8.25; Pop Video at 7.58; Television spot at 8.35; Style by Judy at 8.50; Michael Barry's look feature at 9.15; Mad Lizzie at 9.15; Close-down at 9.25.

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15 For Schools, Colleges: Debutante: 8.32 Spain: 8.40 Descarga Espanol: 10.32 In Spite of their Deafness: 11.30 Wales and the Americas.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University (until 7.20). Special time (approximately 3.30) Conflict in the Family: 6.55 The Nervous System.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Car 54, Where Are You? American-made comedy series about two police patrol officers (Frid Gwynne, in The Musters and Joe Ross).

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of amnesia? There are several theories (I don't know about Nelly's Version. One thing I do know is that the state of not knowing did not make me feel I had wasted a couple of precious hours).

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6.00 Advice John with the Early Show. 7.00 Mike Read. 8.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 News. 2.00 Show with Wright. 4.30 Jonathan Ross. 5.00 News. 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn. 6.30 Sports Desk and Classified Results (if only) 7.30 Cricket Desk. 7.30 Morning News Summary. 7.50 Country File (7.50-8.30). 8.30 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Election. 11.00 Jimmy Young. 11.30 Election Special. 11.50 News and the Night and the Music (7).

Radio 2

6.00 Ian Bruce (7.30-7.50) Terry Wogan (7.50-8.00). 8.00 The Choice (7.15). 12.30 Music While You Work (12.30). 12.30 Music While You Work (12.30). 12.30 Music While You Work (12.30). 12.30 Music While You Work (12.30).

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